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### RETURNING FULLY VAXXED PASSENGERS ALL TEST NEGATIVE TO DATE

*23 Passengers Due Out Of MIQ On Sunday 31 October If Final Day 12 Test Is Negative*

**Alofi, Niue – 29 October 2021** – The Government of Niue (GON) announced today that all the fully vaccinated passengers currently in MIQ following the first resumption flight on Monday 18 October have provided negative test results to date.

Niue's Premier Hon. Dalton Tagelagi says all passengers who arrived on the flight on Monday 18 October will be released on Sunday 31 October only if their Day 12 test is negative following COVID protocols.

“The first fully vaccinated passengers on the resumption flight to Niue on 18 October had to provide negative results for 72 hours prior to departing Auckland, as well as on Days 0 and 5. All of these tests have so far returned negative results for Covid-19. Passengers will also have a Day 12 test (Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>) prior to release from MIQ,” says Premier Tagelagi.

Premier Tagelagi says passengers will only be released from MIQ once the final negative test results from the Day 12 test are confirmed.

“Once we have the negative results and there is approval from the Department of Health, the passengers can then freely go about their usual duties as they will no longer pose any risk of spreading COVID to the Niue community.”

Premier Tagelagi adds there is no additional MIQ required once the passengers leave Homofiti however people have the right to self-isolate for additional days at home if they choose.

“These passengers can then have additional days of quarantine at home if they decide – this is a personal choice and not the protocols determined by Niue's Health Department,” says Premier Tagelagi.

Premier Tagelagi notes that the next returning flight to Niue is expected to bring 40 passengers and so three locations will be used for MIQ:

- 1) Matavai Apartments (Homofiti) (10 units)
- 2) Matavai Resort (ocean view wing) (11 rooms)
- 3) Fuselie, Alofi South - a designated isolation centre under the Public Health Act 1965 for a returning resident requiring palliative care.

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