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ALL ARRIVALS INTO MIQ FACILITIES IN NIUE RETURN NEGATIVE DAY ONE TESTS

Alofi, Niue – 8 February 2022 – The Government of Niue (GON) announced this evening that all eligible passengers who arrived on Monday 7 February 2022, have tested negative on their Day 1 test as part of standard testing protocols.

A total of 52 passengers arrived yesterday, and all were tested with the exception of a young infant. All passengers are fully vaccinated and had returned negative pre-departure tests before travelling to Niue.

Health Officials are aware that some passengers who arrived on the last passenger flight have been identified as close contacts from Auckland and are monitoring the situation. Officials stress that all pre-departure tests were negative before approval was granted to travel to Niue and that passengers need to remain isolated.

The GON would like to reiterate to our people who are currently travelling overseas to remain vigilant and to practice social distancing and masking at all times when interacting with people outside their households.

The next COVID test for passengers will be on Thursday 10 February, and the general public are reminded that no visitors are permitted at the various quarantine locations until after those results are released. All visitors are reminded to wear masks and stay at least 2 metres from those in isolation once visitation is allowed.

Additional measures have also been introduced for frontline workers, including testing, and these will continue.

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For further information or any questions, please contact the DG of Ministry of Social Services, Gaylene Tasmania, <u>Gaylene.Tasmania@mail.gov.nu</u> or the Secretary of Government on +683 4308 or email on Niue.secgov@mail.gov.nu.