COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INTO THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU

21 May 2021

Pursuant to Ministry of Health (MOH) Rules and Regulations for Isolation and Quarantine of Contagious Diseases, MOH COVID-19 Response Plan and relevant MOH directives authorizing COVID-19 isolation, quarantine, and testing measures, and in line with current U.S. CDC Interim Guidelines for Collecting and Handling of Clinical Specimens for COVID-19 Testing (02/26/2021), the following viral diagnostic test(s) and specimen type(s) are accepted for international travel into the Republic of Palau.

Test type:

Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) for SARS-CoV-2 detection.

Specimen Type:

Upper respiratory specimen collected through either Nasopharyngeal (NP) or Oropharyngeal (OP) swab. Tests conducted with nasal mid-turbinate (NMT), anterior nasal, sputum, and saliva specimens are not accepted.

All international travelers into the Republic of Palau must submit valid negative COVID-19 PCR test results to the Ministry of Health within seventy-two (72) hours of departure from point of origin for entry into the Republic. Test results submitted must clearly indicate test and specimen type and medical provider conducting or certifying test (see attached samples). No exemptions to these requirements may be made except by the Director of Public Health and in writing. These requirements are subject to change as deemed necessary by the Ministry of Health.

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Incident Commander
Emergency Operations Center
COVID-19 Response
Ministry of Health
BELAU NATIONAL HOSPITAL LABORATORY
COVID-19 MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS REPORT

PATIENT INFORMATION
Name (LAST, First): 
Date of Birth: 
Sex: 
Hospital/ Passport No. 
Age: 

TEST METHOD AND RESULTS
Requesting Practitioner: N. Cheryl Ongalibang 
Collection Date & Time: 1/20/2021
Specimen Type: Nasopharyngeal Swab 
Test Method: RT-PCR(GeneXpert Dx)
Test Result: SARS-CoV-2 NOT DETECTED 
Test Run Date: 1/20/2021
Test conducted by: Mere Cama 
Test Result Date: 1/20/2021
Remarks: A nasal swab from this patient was also obtained and tested for SARS-CoV-2 Antigen using BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag and was found to be NEGATIVE

Results certified by: Dr. Ngirachisau Mekoll 
Signature: 

MOH SAMPLE COPY

MOH-BNH-LAB-COVID-19-V2-8-2020
**Patient Identification**

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**Clinical Diagnosis**

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**Category of Agent Suspected**

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**Specimen Information**

1. **Source of Specimen**
   - [ ] HUMAN
   - [ ] OTHER (Specify):

2. **Original Material**
   - TYPE OF SPECIMEN (SPECIFY SITE OF COLLECTION):
     - NASOPHARYNGEAL
   - DATE AND TIME OF COLLECTION: 05/11/2021
   - TRANSPORT MEDIUM:
     - VIRAL TRANSPORT MEDIA
   - COLLECTED BY (PRINT NAME):

3. **Seroology of Specimen**
   - COLLECTION DATE:
     - [ ] ACUTE (S1):
     - [ ] CONVALESCENT (S2):
     - [ ] S3:
     - [ ] S4:
     - [ ] OTHER (Specify):

   **Suspected Identification**

**Specimen Assay**

Assay: ABI 7500 CDC FLU/SARS-CoV-2 MULTIPLEX rRT-PCR

**Result:** 2019-nCoV NOT DETECTED

**Date of Report:** 05/11/2021

The instrumentation used to conduct the test has significant sensitivity. Nevertheless, few negative results should be treated with caution. Patient follow up and repeat testing, if clinically indicated, are recommended.