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## COVID-19 – GON CHANGES PROTOCOLS FOR PRE-DEPARTURE TESTING

**Alofi, Niue – 23 March 2022** – The Government of Niue (GON) announced that the standard pre-departure testing for all passengers travelling to Niue must be done within 48 hours starting from 4 April 2022.

All travellers entering Niue from 4 April 2022 must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 result from a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test taken no more than 48 hours before departure to Niue, and a supervised rapid antigen test (RAT) on the day of departure to Niue.

The GON also approved saliva-based PCR tests as part of pre-departure testing procedures.

Other requirements for travel to Niue remain the same such as all travellers must be fully vaccinated, and permission granted by the GON to enter Niue.

Minister of Health, Hon. Sauni Tongatule says the GON will continue to amend and make changes to our protocols as conditions dictate.

“Although all the eligible passengers must be fully vaccinated to travel to Niue, we still require them to complete pre-departure testing. All these measures that we put in place are to mitigate the risk of importing COVID-19 into Niue, despite the community transmission of COVID-19 in New Zealand and elsewhere,” says Hon. Tongatule.

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