



Ministry of Health and Medical Services

Solomon Islands receives the final two COVID-19 test results - NEGATIVE.

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Honiara, Solomon Islands –Today Ministry of Health is pleased to finally receive results of the remaining two COVID-19 suspected case samples that were sent to Australia, and again the samples came back **negative** with no detection of coronavirus. Solomon Islands has a total of 13 suspected COVID 19 samples with all Negative results bringing the country zero cases to date.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health Mrs. Pauline McNeil says, “Solomon Islands is one of a few countries that are yet free from COVID 19 and with the results received, the ministry is not going to give up the fight to prevent and protect its nationals.”

Despite the latest good results, the Mrs. McNeil reminds the public that “this is no time for complacency and we must continue to fight together in this fight.”

The public is encouraged to remain vigilant and continue to practice the good healthy hygiene practices such as washing of hands regularly with soap, cover cough and sneezes, avoid overcrowding gatherings, keep away at least 1meter – 2 meters away from sick people or use mask if you are sick or looking after sick person, these health hygiene practices can always keep us safe from COVID-19.

Mrs. McNeil also would like to remind our citizen living at the borders of Solomon Islands to adhere to authorities advices. She said, “COVID-19 is not in the country, it can only be imported, therefore people living in our borders must keep away from going to nearby countries via out boat motors or other means. The Ministry will continue to do its best to prevent importation of this pandemic disease.”

The MHMS continues to appeal to the general public to avoid rumors, misleading information and speculation, but instead obtain accurate and correct information from the government. You can access updated information online at www.solomons.gov.sb, or follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/officialmhmsi/>

The MHMS will continue to work together with other Government Ministries, Partners, churches, NGOs and Stakeholders to ensure our country is protected from Coronavirus. Let us all join hands together to fight COVID-19. We are all in this together.

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