



## Press Release

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## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT #4: COVID-19**

The National Disaster Committee and Ministry of Health and Human Services, in close coordination, are rapidly responding to these cases and we can assure the public that there are measures in place to respond to this situation.

There will be minor disruptions:

- School closure for the next 2 months;
- Hospital and Public Health Service reoriented for the next 2 months;
- Activation of COVID-19 Community One Stop Shop (CCOSS) Sites (Alternate Care Sites)

## Advice to the public:

- At this time, members of the public are requested to remain calm and stay tuned for updates from the Ministry of Health and Human Services and the National Disaster Committee;
- Be socially responsible and protect vulnerable individuals in your household by continuing good hand hygiene and limited physical interaction;
- Look Out for Health Advisories and Government Directives;
- Comply with Public Health measures;
- Wearing facemasks in public places both indoors and outdoors.
- Practice good hand hygiene
- Avoid crowds and practice social distancing in large crowds
- · Get vaccinated and boosted
- Access therapeutics (especially if advised by health professionals)
- Implementation of mask wearing mandate for the next 2 months;
- Passenger travel to the non-covid affected neighboring islands by sea or air is restricted at this time until further notice. Inter-island travel of passengers is only allowed amongst these atolls/islands with confirmed community transmission:
  - Majuro
  - Kwajalein
  - Wotje
  - Aur
  - Jaluit
  - Mili
  - Ailinglaplap
  - Arno
  - Maloelap
  - Ailuk

- Delivery of cargo and other supplies to neighboring islands will be permitted with request to National Disaster Committee through email to <a href="mailto:ndmoinfo@gmaiil.com">ndmoinfo@gmaiil.com</a>
- Work and Business as usual and ongoing;
- The National Disaster Committee and the Ministry of Health and Human Services continues to recommend the public to continue to practice safe hand hygiene, coughing & sneezing etiquette, physical distancing and frequent cleaning of surfaces;

More information about the situation will be provided at a minimum EVERY 24 HOURS social media post from Ministry of Health and Human Service/Secretary Jack Neidenthal, the National Disaster Management Office, radio V7AB, press conferences and press releases.

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