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## RMI Declares a State of Health Disaster for COVID-19

Ilo kweilok eo and Cabinet rainin, President David Kabua emoj an kaleik Kean eo nan bwe Aelon Kein ren bed ilo juon State of Health Disaster kon wot COVID-19. Emakit ear itok wot alikin konono ko ippan ritel ro and Ra eo Jikin Ejmour im NDC eo ilo aer kile ke naninmej in COVID-19 emoj an ajeeded ilo jukjuk in bed ko ilo Majuro im Kwajalein.

Ra eo elap an Jikin Ejmour eo im NDC eo rej kijejeto im jerbal e bunton ko nan jelmae nannimej in ilo aer kile ke oran armej ro rej po kon COVID-19 rej lap lok wot aolep raan jen ke ear walok kij in ilo jukjuk in bed ko ilo kar raan in Okoj 8 2022 eo. Ruo armej emoj aer jako jen wot kij in, im ewor ro rej bed ilo hospital eo ko wot an lap an nanninmej in jelet er. Ewor jikin kakolkol ko ibelaak in Majuro im Ebeye. Im emoj an wor 2 positive case ion Wotje en. Makitkit ion lojet im mejatoto nan eppok lok mweik nan aelon ko ilikin emoj an bar ijino, ijowotke, pajinjia rejjab maron in iuwe im ilok nan aelon ko ilo wa kein ejelokin etal im itok ikotaan Majuro im Kwajalein.

Ilo proclamation in nan Disaster, ewor ijokonaan aolep ministry im agency ko an kien nan jiban kojeparok mour an armej in Majol im nan jerbal ilo tiljek bwe en maron makitkit mweik, mona, im men ko reaurok nan jokkin mour an aolep armej ipeaalin in Majol in. Proclamation im kean ko ie renaj mour iumwin 31 raan ko alikin an sign jen President eo.

Melele ko im bunton jelmae nanninmej in emoj an jino bok kitieer im rijerbal ro rej wonmaanlok wot lalelok jokjok in ewalok kon wot nanninmej in COVID-19ilo jukjuk in bed kein ad.



Kajitok bwe aolep ren:

- Bed wot ilo am bok ijo konaan nan kōjparok ro riturim.
- Kejparok ro remojno imweo ilo am kōjerbal maj ko, ikutkut am kōjerbal hand sanitizer im tiljok am kwal peim. Barenot jab kakut am kepaak im makitkit iturier.
- Lale melele ko rej driwoj jen Kien eo.
- Loor jonok im kakien ko emoj karōki nan ekkonak wot mask lowan 3 allin

Nan melel ko rellap lok ikijen COVID-19 jouj im kepaak ro ilo Ra eo an Jikin Ejmour ilo 625-3632.

## ENGLISH:

President David Kabua issued a Proclamation for a State of Health Disaster for COVID-19 today during a special Cabinet meeting. The Proclamation followed a briefing by the National Disaster Committee and Ministry of Health and Human Services on the situation the RMI is currently facing with widespread community transmission of COVID19 in Majuro Atoll and Kwajalein Atoll.

The Ministry of Health and Human Services and the NDC have been tirelessly implementing all measures to respond to the current crises as COVID-19 cases continue to rise. Test sites have been set up in both Majuro and Ebeye for test and treatment. Wotje has confirmed 2 positive cases yesterday. Air and Sea cargo drop-offs are in effect with restrictions on passengers heading to the neighboring islands except for Kwajalein Atoll and vice versa.

The proclamation contains emergency orders for Government ministries and agencies to protect and safeguard lives of the Marshallese people and safely ensure essential goods and services continue to the neighboring islands and atolls. The Proclamation and emergency orders will remain in effect for 31 days.

Public announcements and mitigation measures are underway and authorities will continue to closely monitor the COVID19 situation as the days progress.

Urging the public to take note that the RMI borders are still closed but, with the community spread of the COVID-19 virus, there is no need for the 10 days strict quarantine period.

• Be socially responsible



- Protect vulnerable individuals in your household by Continue Good Hand Hygiene and limited physical interaction.
- Look Out for Health Advisories and Government Directives
- Comply with Public Health measures
- Implementation of mask wearing mandate for the next 3 months

For more information on COVID-19 in RMI please contact the COVID-19 hotline at 625-3632.