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Cook Islands Cabinet Decision re Incoming Flights

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The Cook Islands Cabinet has just met and approved the recommendations of Te Marae Ora, Cook Islands Ministry of Health to resume incoming passenger travel from Auckland to Rarotonga. The usual entry requirements remain in place for Cook Islanders and work and residence permit holders.

Te Kauono Tutara e te Mana Tiaki – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration will be amending the inwards travel advisory to allow entry for those who meet the criteria and have been in New Zealand and/or the Cook Islands for the last 14 days. Further, all passengers will be required to obtain a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of departure from Auckland.

Te Marae Ora will continue to monitor the situation in Auckland, but, at this stage there will be no additional public health measures applied to those intending to return home on Tuesday, beyond provision of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Prime Minister Mark Brown noted New Zealand now had 6 straight days of no community cases and that he had confidence in the New Zealand systems and testing and contact tracing regime.

Arriving passengers will also be required to undertake a COVID-19 test on day 6 after their return to the Cook Islands.

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