

Update 6: Operation Turou Managed Return of Stranded Cook Islanders and Cook Islands Residents 15 October 2021 (CKT)

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Te Marae Ora (TMO) wishes to provide the following update:

Earlier today test results from the Day 0 test for Cohort 2 who arrived yesterday afternoon have all come back negative. Of the 238 passengers who returned yesterday, a total of 215 people 12 years and over (and one 9-year-old) were tested.

A reminder please to family and friends who are planning to drop off food and personal items to returnees at the facility (Edgewater Reception). Please ensure any food deliveries are in solid containers that will not leak and can be washed and then taken home. This will help reduce the amount of rubbish staff will have to deal with, please bring nu in plastic bottles. Alcohol is not permitted.

Hotel Security or Police will ensure that the items do not contain or present a health and safety risk.

All daily drop-offs must be made by 5pm.

To avoid congestions, when dropping off items, please park in the carpark on the right-hand side of the driveway and walk the short distance to reception.

Edgewater staff will make deliveries to guests around mealtimes only – 7am, 11am, 5pm – so please ensure any deliveries are at Reception before these times.

Apart from family members and friends dropping off items for returning passengers, the Edgewater is a closed facility. NO members of the public will be permitted entrance to any other part of the facility.

If members of the public have concerns about their relations/friends in MIQ, please contact Maeva Henry, Operations Manager, Edgewater MIQ on 25 435 extn 5003. Please also note there are medical staff based at the MIQ facility for the duration that returnees will be in residence.

ENDS: For more information, please visit www.health.gov.ck or contact Jaewynn McKay; jaewynn.mckay@cookislands.gov.ck +682 55486

