



PRESS RELEASE

Manga kamatoaki riki onongaun ma niman (65) aika boou iaon Tarawa Teinainano ma Betio bwa iai irouia te COVID-19

(Bairiki, Tarawa Kaabong, 27 n Tianuare 2022) ----- E a tia te Botaki ibukin te Mauri ao Katoki Aoraki ni kamatoa bwa manga onongaun ma niman (65) aika a tia n manga kuneaki riki irouia manin te aoraki ae te COVID-19 itinanikun taabo ni katantan iaon Tarawa Teinainano ma Betio.

Te mwaiti ae e boou aio a bon kawakiniia iaan mwengaia ibukina bwa a bon akea moa aia kanganga nte tai aio.

E a tia naba n kamatoa te Botaki ni mwakuri ibukin te Mauri ao Katoki Aoraki bwa te aoraki are iai aorakin buroona mai imwaaina are e kawakinaki nte Isolation center, e a tia n kaotinakoaki ngkai. Akea ngkai moa ae e tia n manga karinaki ibukin tararuakina. Iai taan makuri nte Tautaeka ake a tia n reke irouia te Aoraki aio, ao imwin kawakinaia ni mwengaia ao a teimatoa n makuri man aia auti ngkai akea moa aia kanganga nte tai aio. Iai naba akea a manga tia n okira aia mwakuri ngkai ea tia n toki te tai are e ewewe iai te Aoraki aio. Mwaitin te keiti iaon Kiribati ngkai bon tebubua waningaun ma temanna (181) bwa teningaun ma onoman (36) ake bwatintia ake a roko mai Biiti ao tebubua angaun ma niman (145) ngkai ake a kuneaki itinanikun taabo ni katantan. Mai ibuakon te mwaiti aio ao ruaman (9) ake a kuneaki n kawakinaki i Butaritari.

Ibukin keraken mwaitia aomata ae ea manga kuneaki te Aoraki aio irouia ao ea tia ami Tautaeka ni manga baireia bwa ena reita nako te kainin ke te lockdown iaon Tarawa Teinainano ma Betio ao Buota inanon teuana riki te wiiki. Rongorongon aio ae bwanin ena manga bon katanoataaki nte tai ae waekoa.

Ibukin maurira ao kauarerekean butinakon te Aoraki aio ao e a bubutiaki te botannaomata bwa kam na moanibwaia marurungimii, katoka te nakonako ao ni kateimatoa te ongotaeka ao iran nanon ana kainibaaire te Botaki ibukin te Mauri ao Katoki Aoraki n aron kabonganaakin rabunan te ubu, te tauraroa, te tebo bai ma te toobu ao ai bwainakin te kakaitiaki n taainako.

A butiaki kaaro ao naake iai aia ataei bwa a na ibuobuoki n tararuaiia raoi aia ataei bwa a na aaki nakonako ke ni kitani mweengaia n te tairiki bon ibukin mauriia ao mauriia kaain mweengaia.

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services has confirmed sixty-five (65) new positive COVID-19 cases outside border quarantine. The 65 new cases on Tarawa remain home quarantined noting their mild symptoms.

Following the update made yesterday on COVID-19 admissions at the Isolation center, the only patient who has a history of a heart problem has been discharged today. No admissions received as of today. It is reported that some Government officials who have been tested positive have continued to work remotely from home. Some have recovered and reported back to work after passing the period where they are infectious.

This brings the total number of positive cases to 181 which comprises 36 imported and 145 local cases that includes the 9 cases found in Butaritari.

Due to the increasing positive cases of COVID-19, the Government of Kiribati has decided to further extend the lockdown of South Tarawa, Betio and Buota for another week. Full details of the extension of the curfew order and declaration of the state of emergency will be released shortly.

The public is advised to strictly follow the Ministry of Health and Medical Services Standard Operational Procedures and comply with the curfew order to safeguard themselves and their families from this pandemic.