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MEDIA STATEMENT

PRIME MINISTER TESTS POSITIVE TO COVID-19

The Office of the Prime Minister wishes to take this opportunity to inform the general public that The Rt Honourable the Prime Minister, Dr Moeketsi Majoro has tested positive to Covid-19.

As part of private travel that he was intending to undertake, he undertook PCR Covid-19 tests and the result presented positive. Consequently, he moved into home isolation even though he is not experiencing any virus symptoms. The Prime Minister further consulted his doctor and he has undertaken additional tests including for oxygen saturation. So far, all the tests are satisfactory.

"I would like to share with the public the important messages I drew from this experience: (1) had it not been for the testing required for travel, I would not have known that I am covid positive; (2) even if you are vaccinated, you could still get infected by coronavirus and can still spread it unknowingly; (3) being vaccinated is likely to prevent the onset of serious illness, hospitalisation and possible death from the virus; (4) being vaccinated may not prevent infection from yet unknown Covid variants.

The important message is that even when you are vaccinated, you should still follow WHO and Ministry of Health Covid-19 protocols at all times. Being vaccinated should not bring about reckless behavior as an infected person can infect other people who are not vaccinated." Dr Majoro explains.

Meanwhile, The Rt Honourable the Prime Minister will remain in home Isolation until his tests turn negative. The public is urged to remain calm as Dr Majoro is in good health and has no symptoms of the virus.

The Office of the Prime Minister will provide the nation with more information regarding the health status of the Prime Minister.

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