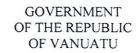
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<u>PRESS STATEMENT ON COVID 19 TRANSMISSION - ALERT LEVEL 2 FOR SCHOOLS ON EFATE AND OFF SHORE ISLAND</u>

Following the statement by the Honorable Minister for Health on current situation on COVID 19 Transmission Alert Level 2 for Efate and Offshore Island, the Ministry of Education and Training would like to advise all schools on Efate and Off Shore Islands that all school operations are suspended.

While the School operations are suspended, The Ministry of Education would like to advise all School Principals to implement their Response Plan while Lockdown is activated for Efate and Offshore Island.

Actions that the School Principals should undertake are:

- 1. Ensure School Premises are locked up and doors closed to Children and the General Public;
- 2. Ensure students who are boarding are send home to their parents and relatives

As Director responsible for Schools, I wish to advise all parents whose children are boarding in any school on Efate or Offshore Island to ensure they pick up their children from the School Compound to ensure they are safe at all times.

The Ministry of Education encourages all School Principals, Teachers, Parents and Students to continue to listen to all Radio Outlets to get the latest update on the current situation to ensure all families are safe during this pandemic.

Finally, I would like to advise all schools throughout the country who are outside of Efate to continue with their normal operations as they are yet on Level 0.

Should there be any further queries do not hesitate to contact the Ministry of Health on 119 to get latest the update on the COVID 19 Situation.

Thank you for your understanding

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