

PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has obtained the results of 15 sequencing tests done by the Central Health Laboratories.

Out of the **15 samples sequenced, 12 were from inbound passengers from South Africa detected positive for COVID-19 upon their arrival** and **3 samples came from local community infection.**

The sequencing results are as follows:

- The **12 inbound passengers from South Africa** have tested **positive for the OMICRON variant.**
These passengers have been detected positive for COVID-19 upon their arrival in Mauritius and immediately put in quarantine. They have had no contact with the local community.
- **2 samples collected from local community** infection have tested positive for the **Delta variant.**
- **1 sample collected from the local community** has tested positive for the **B.1.1.318 (local) strain.**

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