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## **Governor Lemanu issues modified COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, American Samoa slowly easing restrictions.**

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*-Governor Lemanu Mauga*

On Friday, May 27, 2022, Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga issued an Emergency Declaration for the Territory amending several COVID-19 restrictions. This declaration will be **effective May 28, 2022**, and supersedes the Declaration dated April 28, 2022, and the amendments to that declaration.

"In this version of the Emergency Declaration, the territory will begin to see some of the restrictions lifted. This is due in part to the territory reaching community immunity or herd immunity, and this allows the Department of Health (DOH) and the COVID-19 Taskforce the opportunity to manage their response adequately," stated Governor Lemanu. He continued, "I want to commend all our citizens for their patience and support as we conducted this strategy to help give American Samoa the best possible chance of defending itself against COVID-19. Dealing with the pandemic is difficult physically, mentally, and emotionally. Especially when it affects all of our families and businesses. I want to thank you all for your continued support. I also want to recognize the help of FEMA and the office of US Congresswoman Uifatali Aumua Amata Radewagen for all the resources allocated in this effort."

### **Significant changes in this order include but are not limited to the following:**

- **Indoor public gatherings** are allowed only if masking and social distancing requirements can be met. Occupancy is limited to 50% of the maximum capacity for the location.
- **Curfew** will be in effect from 11:00 pm each night until 4:30 am.
  - The village councils retain the authority to enact regulations imposing curfews or restricting public gatherings pursuant to A.S.C.A. § 5.0305.
- **All businesses** shall close at 10:00 pm unless they are providing medical or emergency services or an exception has been granted by pursuant to the Declaration.
  - Businesses may impose additional reasonable requirements and restrictions, to ensure the safety of their employees and customers and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- **Schools and colleges** may open for in-person classes if the following conditions are met:
  - Students who are 5 years old or older must show evidence of full vaccination
  - All teachers and school personnel at the school compounds during in-person learning must show evidence of full vaccination
  - Mask use and social distancing are mandated at all times during in-person classes
  - Limited occupancy to 50% of the maximum capacity of indoor spaces
- **Restaurants** may provide dine-in services provided these minimum requirements are met:
  - All employees of the restaurant must show evidence of full vaccination;
  - Mask use is required at all times except during active eating;
  - Social distancing is required; and
  - Seating capacity must be limited to 50% of the maximum capacity of the restaurant.
- **Bars and Nightclubs, Childcare Facilities, Hair Salons, Barbershops, Nail Salon,** and other related Services may open provided that the following conditions are met:
  - Customers 5 years old or older must show evidence of full vaccination
  - All employees of the business must show evidence of full vaccination
  - Mask use is required at all times except during active eating
  - Social distancing is required; limiting occupancy to 50% of the maximum capacity of the indoor spaces
- Minimum Requirements for **Bingo, Gyms and Fitness Centers, and Movie Theaters:**
  - All employees must show evidence of full vaccination;
  - Mask use is mandated at all times as required in Section 1 of this Declaration;
  - Social distancing is required;
  - Business owners may impose additional requirements including having patrons show proof of Vaccination.
- Effective June 1, 2022, **all government offices** shall resume normal operations under the following minimum requirements:
  - Mask use and social distancing are required; limiting occupancy to 50% of the max capacity of the indoor spaces
- Effective June 2, 2022, **any person entering the Territory** must:
  - Register on Talofapass
  - Show proof of full vaccination if 5 years old or older
  - Show proof of negative COVID test within 72 hours prior to travel
  - Submit to COVID testing upon arrival
  - Complete a health questionnaire within 24 hours of departure

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