OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF
ONGOING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND
STATE OF EMERGENCY DATED APRIL 28, 2022

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Ongoing Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency was issued on April 28, 2022 that applies throughout American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, there are 15 active COVID-19 cases on the Island of Ta’u.

The following amendments to the Declaration apply to the Manu’a islands of Ta’u, Ofu, and Olosega.

1. Mask Use – No changes

2. Public Gatherings in Manu’a
   (a) Gatherings in Manu’a are prohibited except as provided in this Section.
   (b) Outdoor public gatherings are allowed if:
       (1) No more than 20 people are present;
       (2) Mask use is required; and
       (3) Social distancing can be maintained to keep people at least 6 feet apart.
   (c) Indoor public gatherings are allowed if:
       (1) No more than 10 people are present;
       (2) Mask use is required;
       (3) Social distancing can be maintained to keep people at least 6 feet apart; and
       (4) The gathering is held in a well-ventilated place.
   (d) Requests for exceptions should be made by submitting a site safety plan to the Emergency Operations Center at eoc.opschief@asdhs.as.gov or (684) 699-3800 Ext: 116.

3. Curfew – No changes
4. Workplaces in Manu’a
   (a) Notwithstanding Section 4 of the Declaration, the following restrictions apply to workplaces in Manu’a.
   (b) Non-essential businesses and non-essential government functions shall close for in person service.
       (1) A single worker may be present at a business location. Customers are not permitted to enter nonessential business locations.
       (2) All remote work that does not involve the presence of more than one employee is permitted.
       (3) Outdoor work is permitted so long as workers can stay 6 feet away from other people and masks are worn in accordance with Section 2, Paragraph 1 of the Declaration. Outdoor work that involves people working alone does not require masking.
   (c) Essential businesses and government functions include
       (1) Public safety;
       (2) Emergency management;
       (3) Personnel;
       (4) Child protection;
       (5) Healthcare;
       (6) Public utilities including telecommunications;
       (7) Food cultivation, distribution, preparation, and sales;
       (8) Transportation; and
       (9) Emergency repairs for homes and other structures to maintain livable conditions.
   (d) Schools and colleges shall be closed for in-person classes except as approved by the GAR.
   (e) Child daycare facilities shall be closed.
   (f) Bingo is prohibited.
   (g) Employers of those engaged in essential businesses and government functions must take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including but not limited to
       (1) Testing employees for COVID-19
       (2) Mandating mask use
       (3) Providing for social distancing by:
(A) Limiting access to their facilities to prevent overcrowding and allow for social distancing;

(B) Arranging the workspace so that employees are at least 6 feet apart;

(C) Taking actions to keep customers from clustering near cash registers and in other locations where customers tend to gather; and

(D) Limiting access to in-door break areas so that people eat individually and separately.

(4) Maximizing the ventilation for indoor locations.

(h) Government agencies shall advise the public about alternative means of providing services while office staff is reduced.

(i) Access to government buildings

(1) No person shall be admitted to a government-owned or leased building without showing proof of full vaccination or evidence of a negative test within the last 24 hours. A digital image of a vaccination card and official identification card is acceptable evidence of vaccination.

(2) Unvaccinated persons without proof of a negative test may enter government facilities only for the purpose of receiving emergency medical care, COVID testing, or COVID vaccination.

(3) Departments, agencies, and offices shall post signs at all entry points informing the public of the masking and entry requirements.

(4) This subsection does not apply to employees who are going to their place of employment in accordance with accommodations made pursuant to Section 7 of the Declaration.

(j) Requests for exceptions should be made by submitting a request to the Emergency Operations Center at eoc.opschief@asdhs.as.gov or (684) 699-3800 Ext: 116.

5. Quarantine and Isolation – No changes

6. Entry Requirements – Travel to and from the Manu’a Islands

(a) Travel to and from the Manu’a Islands is prohibited unless permitted by the GAR.

(b) All other provisions to Section 6 of the Declaration remain unchanged.

7. Government Employee Vaccine Mandate – No changes

8. Price Gouging Prohibited – No changes

9. Transporting Human Remains – No changes
10. **Emergency Reciprocity for Medical Assistance from Outside the Territory – No changes**

11. **Funerals in Manu’a**
   
   (a) Funerals must be coordinated through the Emergency Operations Center by contacting at eoc.opschief@asdhs.as.gov or (684) 699-3800 Ext: 116.

   (b) **Attendance of funerals is limited to 10 people for indoor ceremonies and 20 people for outdoor ceremonies. Indoor funeral gatherings must be in well-ventilated locations. Masking and social distancing must be observed.**

   (c) No children under five years old are allowed to participate in funeral gatherings.

   (d) All funeral gatherings must be completed within four hours after the casket leaves the morgue. Regardless of the four-hour limit, all funeral activities must be completed by 4pm.

   (e) DOH will determine whether the casket will be opened or closed during the funeral.

12. **Emergency Rulemaking – No changes**

13. **Enforcement – No changes**

   ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS DECLARATION OR VIOLATES A QUARANTINE OR ISOLATION ORDER ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH OR HIS DESIGNEE MAY BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION A.S.C.A. §§ 13.0323 OR 46.4703 AND PUNISHED BY UP TO 12 MONTHS IN JAIL OR A $1,000 FINE.

This declaration is effective immediately.

Dated: May 2, 2022

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LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
GOVERNOR