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“Governor Lemanu Commends DOH for Mass Vaccination Day One Results.”

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On the first day of the Lemanu-Talauega Administration, Governor Lemanu stated it was a priority, to begin with, the repatriation of our citizens who were stranded in the US Mainland, Hawaii, and elsewhere around the world due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. As the repatriation process began, it was evident that States and Territories were relying on setting stringent health care policies to limit the amount of COVID-19 cases that enter their borders. Social distancing measures, personal protective equipment (PPE), and testing have been major methods of avoiding the involuntary spread of the virus within States and Territories.

As a result of the controlled repatriation efforts, the American Samoa Department of Health (DOH) has proved that they are well prepared and highly trained to identify, contain, and isolate a limited amount of COVID-19 cases to avoid a cluster or surge.

DOH and the American Samoa COVID-19 Taskforce have been in the forefront of leading the effort of successfully repatriating over 1200 of our citizens with zero percent transmission of COVID-19 cases.

However, the Administration has moved into the next phase of combatting COVID-19, getting enough of the population fully vaccinated. Increase in total vaccination rates will help our Territory ease some travel and social restrictions. It will ensure that we will limit the number of fatalities by COVID-19 and give our first responders the best chance to fight this virus on the front lines. Governor Lemanu has set this number at 90%, and currently, American Samoa is approximately at 69.1% fully vaccinated.

"Herd immunity is the key for American Samoa's defense against COVID-19. To safely achieve herd immunity against COVID-19, we need 90% of the total population to become fully vaccinated," stated Governor Lemanu. He continued, "this will give American Samoa's emergency first responders, local public health facilities, and public health administrators the best opportunity to protect our Territory from the spread of the virus."

"I want to commend Director Motusa and DOH for the outstanding work that they are putting forth in making sure we provide the Territory with the resources they need to be educated and safely vaccinated. I thank all departments, offices, agencies, and the private sector who made Day 1 of the Mass Vaccination program a success. I have been briefed that over 3,000 shots were administered in a single day. This is exciting news. As we await the final report, I am convinced that everyone is doing their best to do their part in reaching our goal. And this is just the first week. We look forward to the next two weeks as we monitor our progress closely. I also would like to thank all the parents, school administrators, and the Office of Samoan Affairs for their support."

The \$100.00 incentive for first and second shots is still in effect. Governor Lemanu has also given the Department of Health and the COVID-19 Task Force full access to all ASG resources within the scope of supporting all Mass Vaccination efforts on the scheduled days.

The following schedule is for the duration of the Mass Vaccination effort.

DISTRICT	SAMOAN AFFAIRS INFORMATION SESSION @ 9AM	COVID-19 INFORMATION SESSION PARENTS @ 5PM
CENTRAL	November 23, 2021	November 29: Tafuna DYWA November 30: Manumalo Gym
WEST	November 30, 2021	December 6: Faasao Marist High December 7: Leone Catholic Hall
EAST	December 7, 2021	December 13: Pago Pago DYWA December 14: Fagaitua High

COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Drive Schedule
DAY 1: WEST DISTRICT 12/8/21
DAY 2: WEST DISTRICT 12/9/21

Sites:

1. Vaitogi - EFKAS Hall
2. Taputimu/Vailoa - EFKAS Vailoatai Hall
3. Futiga/Malaeloa - EFKAS Malaeloa Hall
4. Leone Catholic Hall
5. Leone High School
6. Leone Midkiff Elementary
7. Amaluia -Afao Catholic Hall
8. Amanave/Poloa- Amanave EFKAS Hall
9. Fagali'i Elementary School
10. Alataua Elementary School

DAY 1: EAST DISTRICT 12/15/21
DAY 2: EAST DISTRICT 12/16/21

Sites

1. Matatula Elementary
2. Olomoana Elementary
3. Alofa Elementary
4. Fagaitua High
5. Masefau Elementary
6. Afonotele Elementary
7. Aua Elementary
8. Mt. Alava Elementary
9. Pago Pago DYWA
10. Le'atele Elementary

DAY 1: Manu'a District 12/16-17/21