



**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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GOVERNOR