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# Governor Signs Executive Order 2020-24; Continue to Practice Caution; Expanded COVID-19 Testing Continues

## **Governor Signs Executive Order 2020-24**

On July 19, 2020, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order (EO) 2020-24. Under EO 2020-24, the public health emergency has been extended until August 29, 2020.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, Guam was placed in Pandemic Condition of Readiness (PCOR) 3. Under PCOR 3, most activities are permitted to operate under moderate restrictions. Prior to reopening, businesses must submit their reopening plan to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). Reopening plans must be emailed to <a href="mailto:PCOR3Plans@dphss.guam.gov">PCOR3Plans@dphss.guam.gov</a>.

Effective at 8 a.m. today, July 20, 2020, social gatherings, including but not limited to, gatherings outdoors or in private accommodations, are limited to no more than fifty (50) persons, regardless of whether the individuals are of a single household unit.

Public and private schools not already operating under the pilot program permitted in Executive Order No. 2020-20, are permitted to open under Minimum Requirements for Re-Opening K-12 School and Institutions of Higher Learning as set forth in DPHSS Memo 2020-27, or any other applicable DPHSS Guidance.

The authorization first granted to DPHSS to develop temporary guidance for the importation, distribution, and sale of specific COVID-19 related commodities is extended and shall remain in effect for the duration of the current public health emergency, or any extension thereof. Any COVID-19 relative commodities not processed in accordance with DPHSS adopted guidance since the expiration of Executive Order No. 2020-19 may begin to be processed again upon the effective date of this Order

#### **Continue to Practice Caution**

Although Guam is in PCOR3, it is important for the community to continue to take precautionary measures to slow the possible spread of COVID-19. In accordance with EO 2020-16, social distancing of 6 ft. or more and the use of face masks is required unless engaged in physical exercise or eating.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The community is reminded to continue to take the following precautions:

- Maintain a distance of 6 feet between yourself and others
- Wear facial coverings around others and in public establishments

- Adhere to respective business protocols in place for protection from COVID-19
- Practice good hygiene frequently. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Frequently clean and disinfect high contact areas
- Avoid touching your face with unclean hands
- Stay home if you are sick

## **Expanded COVID-19 Testing Continues**

DPHSS, in collaboration with the Government of Guam, the Mayors Council of Guam, private, and federal agencies, continues expanded COVID-19 testing.

Testing is free and open to the public while supplies last. No symptoms are needed to qualify for testing. If your village is not listed, please proceed to a neighboring village for testing. Please bring an I.D., if one is available. The expanded testing schedule is as follows:

## COVID-19 Drive-Through/Walk-In Testing:

- Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 9 a.m. 12 p.m. at the Tamuning Elementary School
- Thursday, July 23, 2020, 9 a.m. 12 p.m. at the Asan-Maina Mayor's Office

If you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please call your health care provider. If a patient does not have a regular health care provider, they can call any of the Community Health Centers or the DPHSS Medical Triage Hotline phone numbers listed below to report symptoms and obtain guidance from clinicians, or call 311 and dial option number 1.

- (671) 480-7859
- (671) 480-6760/3
- (671) 480-7883
- (671) 687-6170 (ADA Dedicated Number)

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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