



**ISLAND OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96932  
U.S.A.**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-04**

**RELATIVE TO RESPONDING TO CONFIRMED CASES OF NOVEL  
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, I, Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, acting pursuant to the power provided to me by the Organic Act and the laws of Guam, declared a public health emergency in the island of Guam due to the potential dangers posed by the 2019 novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

**WHEREAS**, since the declaration of a public health emergency, Guam has confirmed three cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is of the utmost importance that *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* utilizes all available resources of the government of Guam to respond to this public health threat evidenced by these newfound cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services ("DPHSS") and members of the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have advised that Guam undergo an "investigatory period" to detect and track the potential spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as a community, we place special emphasis on care for those most vulnerable among us, especially the *manåmko'*, who, along with those with pre-existing medical conditions, are most at risk of severe effects from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC and DPHSS recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies, including limiting government operations to essential services and the prohibition of large gatherings in an effort to further prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order:

- 1. CLOSURE OF NON-ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OFFICES.** Effective immediately and through March 30, 2020, all non-essential government of Guam offices are closed and such services are suspended. Essential personnel shall be identified and contacted by their appropriate supervisors.
- 2. CLOSURE OF ALL SCHOOLS.** Pursuant to Section 3317, Article 3, Chapter 3, of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, beginning March 17, 2020, all public and private schools on Guam serving prekindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must close for educational purposes through March 30, 2020. The definition of habitual truancy pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 6, of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is



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suspended. And student absences due to school closures and absences connected to the transmission of COVID-19 during the effect of this Executive Order shall not contribute to the calculation of habitual truancy.\

3. **PROHIBITION ON LARGE GATHERINGS.** Pursuant to Section 3317, Article 3, Chapter 3, of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, effective immediately and through March 30, 2020, gatherings of 50 people or more in a single room or single space at the same time for social, spiritual and recreational activities, including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events, parades, concerts, festivals, fiestas, conventions, fundraisers and similar activities are prohibited throughout the island of Guam.
4. **EMERGENCY MEASURES CONCERNING FACILITIES AND MATERIALS.** Effective immediately and through March 30, 2020, any place of business or public accommodation for which attendance is anticipated to be fewer than 50 people, shall operate at no greater than 50% occupancy, and no greater than 50% of seating capacity.

The preceding directive shall not apply to retail establishments providing basic food and necessities (e.g. grocery and convenience stores), hospitals, pharmacies, or other medical offices/facilities. This Order is not intended to prohibit routine business gatherings held at the place of business.

5. **MANDATORY SOCIAL-DISTANCING.** In all other instances not captured by this prohibition, it is strongly recommended that mitigation measures are implemented and enforced. These measures include but are not limited to social distancing of at least six feet; frequent cleaning of all surfaces; posting of signs; and permitting/encouraging teleworking. Older residents and those with pre-existing medical conditions are encouraged to limit excursions of any type.
6. **RESTRICTING ENTRY INTO GUAM.** Pursuant to Section 3333, Article 3, Chapter 3, of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, all persons who are non-residents who have been in a country with confirmed COVID-19 cases for more than one (1) week and do not possess a DPHSS recognized and certified document that attests that they are not infected with COVID-19, shall be restricted entry into Guam. The date of the test must not be more than one (1) week from the date of attempted entry into Guam.

Any individual who enters into Guam without the proper documentation shall be quarantined pursuant to this Section and Sections 19604 and 19605 of Article 6, Chapter 19 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.

Any and all costs associated with the quarantine and/or treatment of individuals who are subject to restricted entry into Guam pursuant to this Executive Order shall be the responsibility of the individual and the carrier that the individual contracted with to travel to Guam.



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7. **ENFORCEMENT.** DPHSS is directed to issue guidance, subject to my approval to implement the terms of this Order. DPHSS shall enforce this Order and, if necessary, may do so with the assistance of the Guam Police Department.
8. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this executive order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this order that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this order are severable.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Hagátña, Guam, this **16th** day of **March 2020**.

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
*Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**  
*Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

