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Governor Signs Executive Order No. 2020-26

COVID-19 test results are reported from multiple labs at varying times of the day. The Joint Information Center will report cumulative COVID-19 test results once a day, unless unavailable.

To date, there have been a total of **411** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **5** deaths, **321** released from isolation, and **85** active cases. Of those cases, **362 are classified as civilians** and **49 are military service members**.

For updated information on COVID-19 cases on Guam, visit the COVID-19 Dashboard and Situation Report at <http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/>.

Executive Order No. 2020-26

Today, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order No. 2020-26 relative to the implementation of additional safety measures and issuance of temporary teaching certifications during the public health emergency. Executive Order No. 2020-26 mandates:

- **The temporary closure of bars and taverns.** Effective 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2020 through 6:00 p.m., Saturday, August 22, 2020 – or unless modified by a further Executive Order upon the recommendation from the Department of Public Health and Social Service (DPHSS).
- **Limitations on wake and funeral services.** Effective at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2020, funeral and wake services will be limited in operation by applicable Public Health Guidance. Such Guidance will include a prohibition on wake services in private residences, occupancy limitations for facilities hosting funerals or wakes, and a prohibition on food service at funerals and wakes.
- **Occupancy Limit.** Any place of business, place of worship, or public accommodation may continue operations as permitted under applicable DPHSS Guidance, provided such establishment operates at no greater than fifty percent (50%) seating capacity or up to ten (10) people, whichever is greater. In no instance may a business, place of worship or public accommodation operate at an occupancy that is greater than its regular occupancy limit.
- **Mandatory Social Distancing.** All permissible activities shall be conducted utilizing mitigation measures, including, but not limited to, social distancing and posting of appropriate signage; frequent cleaning of all surfaces, mandating the wearing of masks unless engaged in physical exercise or eating; and permitting or encouraging teleworking. All permissible activities are further subject to applicable DPHSS Guidance. Older residents and those with pre-existing medical conditions are encouraged to limit excursions of any kind.
- **Gatherings or Congregations.** A "congregation" or "social gathering" is a meeting for a common or singular purpose of more than one (1) person where the individuals are not

members of a single household unit. Effective at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2020, gatherings and congregations, including, but not limited to, gatherings outdoors or in private accommodations, shall be limited to no more than twenty-five (25) persons.

- **Additional Caution Against Unnecessary Activity and Off-island Travel.** Guam residents are encouraged to exercise caution when engaging in non-essential activities and discouraged from unnecessary travel off-island to any destination.
- **Temporarily Suspending The PRAXIS-1 Examination Requirement in 5A GAR Ch. 8 § 8105(a)(1).** The requirement in 5A GAR Ch. 8 § 8105(a)(1) that applicants for temporary teaching certificates present evidence of a passing score on the PRAXIS-1 examination in order to meet the minimum requirements for issuance of such certificate is suspended for Guam Department of Education ("GDOE") school year 2020-2021. The GCEC may issue a temporary teaching certificate to new applicants who present evidence of completion of a bachelor's degree. The length of certification for the temporary teaching certificate issued under this Section shall be one (1) year, and shall expire at the end date for GDOE school year 2020-2021. In addition to the requirements of 5A GAR Ch. 8 § 8105(a)(3), applicants receiving a temporary teaching certificate under this Section shall be required to complete the PRAXIS-1 examination in order to receive a renewal following the GDOE school year 2020-2021. Applicants receiving a temporary teacher certificate for school year 2020-2021 under this Section will be eligible for renewal two (2) times, subject to fulfillment of the requirements of 5A GAR Ch. 8 § 8105(a)(3).
- **Prior Executive Orders remain in effect and in full force**, except to the extent they conflict with Executive Order No. 2020-26.

Individuals and businesses who refuse to comply with Executive Order No. 2020-26 may be subject to fines and/or, in the case of businesses, the termination of business licenses, as well as any other penalties as may be available under Guam law. DPHSS and the Department of Revenue and Taxation shall enforce executive orders and, if necessary, may do so with the assistance of the Guam Police Department and the Guam Fire Department.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. 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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