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Governor Lemanu issues modified COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, Removing Vaccination Mandate and Pre-Travel Approvals

Effective **November 15, 2022,** Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga issued an Emergency Declaration for the Territory removing several COVID-19 restrictions and superseding the Declaration dated October 21, 2022.

"In this version of the Emergency Declaration, the territory will begin to see several of the restrictions lifted as American Samoa shifts toward long-term recovery" stated Governor Lemanu. He continued, "this decision comes as a result of recommendations from the Covid-19 Task Force leadership and based on the current state of Covid-19 in the Territory."

Changes in the declaration include the following:

Section V. Travel and Entry Requirements:

Any person entering the Territory must complete a health declaration.

- There are 2 ways to complete the health declaration
 - 1. Online at https://travelerdeclaration.as.gov
 - 2. Paper forms upon arrival in American Samoa

All entering the Territory are no longer required to upload proof of full vaccination or need to wait for pre-travel approval. Instead, all must complete the health declaration (about 8 questions), either online via the American Samoa Travel Declaration Portal or via physical forms upon arrival. Travelers who have previously been approved on Talofa Pass for upcoming flights need not take further action.

We highly encourage all travelers to complete the American Samoa Travel Declaration online prior to travel for **expedited entry**. To access the Declaration Of Ongoing Public Health Emergency And State Of Emergency, please visit www.americansamoa.gov.

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