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A New Emergency Declaration

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On Thursday, August 25, 2022, Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga issued a Declaration of Ongoing Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency for the Territory effective August 26, 2022, and supersedes the Declaration dated July 27, 2022. This new Emergency Declaration will loosen several COVID-19 restrictions.

“The Department of Health latest reports show that the American Samoa COVID positivity rate is trending at less than 2%. Although our circumstances may have improved, relaxing the restrictions should not cease any safety measures you and your family may have adopted into your lives. I encourage you all to continue to wear masks and practice social distance, especially when you have symptoms of the flu, cold, or other airborne-related illnesses, and continue to wash your hands frequently. I also recommend completing your vaccination and booster shots,” stated Governor Lemanu.

“I thank the people of American Samoa for your patience and resilience. I also compliment the GAR Lieutenant Governor Talauega V. Ale, the COVID-19 Task Force, the LBJ Tropical Medical Center, and all departments and agencies involved, for your perseverance in the fight against COVID-19,” said Governor Lemanu.

Significant changes in this order include but are not limited to the following:

- Mask use is required for 10 days for any person who has tested positive for COVID-19, and 5 days for those who have made close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19;
- Mask use is strongly encouraged for any person who has a cold, flu or flu-like symptoms, or has a health condition that makes them susceptible to serious ailments from airborne viruses;
- Government Employees and School Students' Vaccination Mandate has been removed and is no longer required;

- Vaccination is still a requirement for entry into American Samoa, but exceptions may be granted;
- DOH has the authority to issue isolation directives to restrict the movements of people who test positive for COVID-19, however the TalofaPASS registration is no longer required for those who test positive for COVID-19;
- Entry Requirements:
 - Must register with TALOFAPASS at least 10 days prior to entering the territory;
 - Must show proof of full vaccinations if they are 5 years old or older;
 - Requests for Vaccine Accommodations must be received at least 10 days before travel;
 - Any person traveling from outside of the US and Samoa must show proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test via TALOFAPASS within 72 hours prior to travel.

The Governor's Office may be contacted at covidtravel@go.as.gov or 684-633-4121. The Department of Health may be contacted at dohcovid19clearance@doh.as or 684-633-5871/5872.

To access the Declaration of Ongoing Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency, please visit www.americansamoa.gov .

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