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### Travel Guidance and Quarantine Protocol in Accordance with Governor's Executive Order

There remain **five** confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Guam. To date, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) has tested a total of 46 cases of COVID-19. The Government of Guam (GovGuam) has implemented its planned COVID-19 response to identify and contain transmission on island.

#### Officials Prepare for Expected Travelers from the Philippines

Based on information published by the Philippine national government, Guam is expecting an influx of passengers from the Philippines.

In preparation for this, GovGuam has instituted COVID-19 Mandatory Quarantine Protocol (MQP) measures for all incoming travelers from the Philippines effective immediately. DPHSS is requiring all travelers from the Philippines to secure a COVID-19 test within 72 hours PRIOR to arrival on Guam and present negative results for entry into Guam. Any and all travelers arriving without these credentials will be subject to mandatory quarantine.

Based on investigations conducted by DPHSS, several of Guam's confirmed COVID-19 cases had previous travel history to the Philippines. Of the two cases reported last night, one arrived on a Philippine Airline flight on the morning of March 2nd.

Attached is detailed guidance for all travelers entering Guam from COVID-19 affected areas. As this is an evolving process, these guidelines are subject to revision.

#### Travel Guidance for All Incoming Passengers

In line with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's Executive Order 2020-04, non-residents seeking entry into Guam traveling from areas affected by COVID-19 other than the Philippines will be subject to mandatory quarantine. The mandatory quarantine will be applied unless the traveler possesses a healthcare recognized and certified document that attests he or she is not infected with COVID-19 within the last 72 hours.

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Returning residents without the same certification will be subject to quarantine in their homes for a minimum of 14 days. As this is an evolving process, these guidelines are subject to revision.

## **Enforcement**

Mandates of the Executive Order and MQP will be enforced by DPHSS who may call upon the assistance of local law enforcement.

## **Stay Up to Date with Reputable Sources**

It is important to note that the situation can change quickly. The community is reminded to only share official notices and visit the following links for the most up-to-date information:

- CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- DPHSS website: <http://dphss.guam.gov/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-n-cov/>
- GHS/OCD website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/coronavirus-covid-19>

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