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DPHSS Issues Guidance Memos 2021-28; Isolation Clearance Letters Available Via Email

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) issued <u>DPHSS Guidance</u> <u>Memo 2021-28</u>, which provides additional guidance relative to persons with a documented previous COVID-19 infection. Individuals who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 within the previous ninety (90) days and show no symptoms of infection may be eligible for exemption from weekly COVID-19 testing. Individuals seeking such exemption must present the following documents to their immediate supervisor:

- Valid positive COVID-19 molecular or antigen test result collected between 10 to 90 days prior; OR,
- Valid positive COVID-19 molecular or antigen test result collected within 10 days and a subsequent clearance from a physician, clinic, or a health department.

At the expiration of the 90 day period following an individual's positive COVID-19 test, the individual will be required to test for COVID-19 for diagnostic and screen testing purposes. If you develop new symptoms, please talk to your healthcare provider.

To view **DPHSS Guidance Memo 2021-28** in its entirety, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

Isolation Clearance Letters Available Via Email

Isolation clearance letters are available for pick up for those who were in isolation after testing positive for COVID-19. Isolation is a period of 10 days from the date of onset of symptoms for symptomatic patients, or 10 days from the date of specimen collection for asymptomatic patients. Isolation may be discontinued at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared, or at least 24 hours with no fever without using fever-reducing medication and other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. For asymptomatic patients, isolation may be discontinued 10 days from the date of positive specimen collection.

Upon completion of your isolation period, please send your request via email to covidclearance@dphss.guam.gov. Email requests **must include all** of the following information: full name, date of birth, test date and location, contact phone numbers, and email address.

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