MANDATORY QUARANTINE PROTOCOL - NON-MANILA TRAVELERS

1. Background

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) publicly characterized the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) as a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency. On March 16, 2020, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order 2020-04, which restricts entry into Guam. All travelers seeking entry into Guam who have been in jurisdictions affected by COVID-19 will be subject to a mandatory quarantine period of 14 days.

The mandatory quarantine will be applied unless the traveler possesses a Department of Health and Social Services (“DPHSS”) recognized and certified document (“Certificate”) that attests the traveler is not infected with COVID-19. The certificate\(^1\) must show that the test was taken within 72 hours of the traveler’s arrival on Guam. Returning residents who have significant ties to the community may be allowed to voluntary self-quarantine in their homes for the minimum period of 14 days.

COVID-19, for most individuals, causes mild to moderate illness but in addition, may result in pneumonia or severe acute respiratory infection. The current approach is to identify, isolate, and contain to prevent further spread.

2. Pre-Arrival

Prior to an airplane landing at Guam International Airport, Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency (“CQA”) shall review the airplane manifest and coordinate with DPHSS and the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) in preparation for the arrivals.

While onboard the aircraft, passengers will be asked to fill out a health form and provide information on potential symptoms. These forms will be gathered before passengers deplane.

\(^1\) Several countries are requiring certified documentation similar to Guam’s local law as a condition of entry. At the least, the certificate must include results from a lab accredited by the World Health Organization (“WHO”) or the Federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”). While DPHSS is aware that countries are developing a uniform certificate to satisfy the legal requirements, **NO CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PRE-APPROVED BY DPHSS.**
3. Arrival

Any passenger that has displayed obvious signs of illness will be asked to stay on the airplane and will be further assessed by DPHSS officials.

DPHSS shall physically observe and operate a thermal scan on all arriving passengers for signs of illness.

4. Segregation

DPHSS and CQA will segregate arrivals into three categories:

(1) Persons exhibiting signs of illness;
(2) Persons with a certificate; and
(3) Persons without a certificate.

No families with persons under the age of 18 shall be separated. In such instances, all persons in the family shall be treated as a person without a health certificate.

5. Isolation and Quarantine

A. For persons exhibiting signs of illness, DPHSS shall initiate procedures for isolation.

B. For persons with a health certificate, CQA shall determine validity of the certificate. If determined to be valid, CQA shall allow release without quarantine after gathering the person’s contact information while on Guam. They will be subject to monitoring by DPHSS.

C. Persons without a certificate will be routed to a designated area. There, DPHSS shall then interview all persons to determine the appropriateness of voluntary self-quarantine. DPHSS may assume that persons with no ties to the community (i.e. tourists) may not be appropriate for self-quarantine. Residents or those with close ties to the community must be interviewed to determine if proposed self-quarantine sites are acceptable.

All quarantine sites must be pre-approved by DPHSS.

6. Initial Contact with Quarantine Sites

For involuntary quarantines at approved sites:

a. DPHSS shall contact the receiving site with names of the persons to be quarantined.

b. DPHSS shall provide estimated time of arrival to the approved quarantine site.

c. DPHSS shall provide escorted transportation to the approved quarantine sites.
d. The Guam Police Department ("GPD")/DPHSS shall ensure that no hotel staff or guests will have incidental contact with those who are quarantined.

For voluntary quarantines:

a. Local address and contact information will be obtained.

b. Those quarantined will be restricted to the location they have listed for self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days and will be monitored by DPHSS.

7. At Involuntary Quarantine Site

If the quarantine site is a hotel, GPD/DPHSS shall work with hotel staff to provide for quarantined individuals. This can include but is not limited to changing of towels and linens, delivering of food services, and arranging for maintenance needs.

In the event a quarantined individual exhibits symptoms of illness, DPHSS will follow the necessary protocols to isolate and provide treatment.

8. Release from Quarantine

Once a quarantine period has expired without incident, DPHSS will follow procedures to quickly release individuals from quarantine. If a quarantined person is able to obtain a return flight before the expiration of a quarantine period, DPHSS shall arrange for transportation to the Guam International Airport. At the airport, CQA will receive the individual and ensure there is no incidental contact with other individuals not subject to quarantine screening.