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Guam Congress Building  
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**RE: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022-04**

*Hafa Adai* Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to Public Law 34-16, transmitted herewith is the following Executive Order:

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022-04: RELATIVE TO  
RESCINDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ESTABLISHMENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND ORGANIZED  
SPORTS AND EXTENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
EMERGENCY**

Thank you.

*Senseremente,*

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Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2022-04

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022-04**

**RELATIVE TO RESCINDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS  
FOR ESTABLISHMENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND ORGANIZED SPORTS  
AND  
EXTENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, I, Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, acting pursuant to the power provided by the Organic Act of Guam and the laws of Guam, declared a public health emergency in the island of Guam due to dangers posed by the 2019 novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

**WHEREAS**, since declaring a public health emergency, Guam has suffered three hundred twenty-one (321) COVID-19 related deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the time of this writing, Guam has recorded over forty-three thousand (43,000) cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past two (2) months, our island experienced an intense surge in COVID-19 cases, resulting from the prevalence of the Omicron sub-variants; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Omicron surge, our island experienced as many as eight hundred fifty (850) positive cases in a single day, and seventy (70) hospitalizations; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the time of this writing, our daily new cases average under three hundred (300) positive cases and our effective retransmission value is calculated at 0.77; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty-four (34) patients are presently hospitalized with COVID-19 in Guam, including four (4) in intensive care and two (2) on a ventilator; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the continued presence of COVID-19 on our island, it is clear that we are in a substantial and swift downward trend in our COVID-19 metrics; and

**WHEREAS**, our policies and practices resulting in this downward trend have enabled our people to return to work and gather safely, while allowing our responding agencies and partners to meet the increased demand for testing, administer treatment to the sick members of our community, and manage our hospitalizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the vaccine, which is safe, free, and widely available, continues to be our island's primary weapon against COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, and death; and

**WHEREAS**, through Department of Public Health and Social Services ("DPHSS") and the Guam National Guard community vaccination clinics, and in partnership with our mayors, hospitals and private clinics, our island continues to have one of the highest vaccination rates in the country and in the world; and



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**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 68.9% of individuals over the age of five (5) in the U.S. are vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the time of this writing, over 134,000 of Guam residents are fully vaccinated. This means that approximately 95.16% of our (5+) eligible population and 87.160% of our entire population is fully vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, over 52% of our fully vaccinated population has also received their booster shots, again among the highest rates in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to our island's robust vaccination and booster rate, our pandemic response is further bolstered by the availability of safe and effective COVID-19 therapeutics, which are, again, safe, free, and administered widely by the DPHSS and community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, while unvaccinated persons remain at a pronounced risk of COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, and death, our island's high vaccination and boosting rate, and the availability of therapeutics and treatments, ensure an enhanced level of protection to our entire community, including our unvaccinated population; and

**WHEREAS**, with the concurrence of DPHSS, the Physicians Advisory Group ("PAG") and the Guam National Guard Surgeon Cell, and in light of our continued progress in responding to and mitigating the Omicron surge, it is timely and appropriate to rescind vaccination requirements for establishments and activities, including eating and drinking establishments, as well as organized sports and sporting events; and

**WHEREAS**, rescission of previously imposed vaccination requirements should not be interpreted as a statement that vaccination is no longer necessary. **It is of paramount importance to the safety of every individual and our entire community that individuals who are medically able to get vaccinated and boosted do so immediately,** and that we not rely on the responsible actions of others while refusing to act responsibly ourselves; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 hospitalizations at the Guam Memorial Hospital and the Guam Regional Medical City continue to occur disproportionately among our island's unvaccinated population, and the continued refusal of some to get vaccinated when they are medically able to do so compromises all of us – it increases our vulnerability, needlessly strains our hospitals and clinics, and causes entirely preventable death; and

**WHEREAS**, while our community is educated in COVID-19 mitigation measures, and continues to be cognizant of and avoid factors that increase their risk of contracting COVID-19, our island remains engaged in an emergency response; and

**WHEREAS**, by getting vaccinated and continuing to practice basic mitigation measures of washing hands, wearing masks, and maintaining social distance, we will continue to make strides towards containing the spread of COVID-19 on our island, and keeping our community safe.



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**NOW THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam as amended, do hereby order:

- 1. EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.** The public health emergency first declared in Executive Order No. 2020-03 and extended in Executive Order Nos. 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-16, 2020-22, 2020-24, 2020-29, 2020-35, 2020-38, 2020-41, 2020-46, 2021-03, 2021-05, 2021-07, 2021-09, 2021-12, 2021-15, 2021-16, 2021-20, 2021-24, 2021-27, 2021-30, 2021-32, and 2022-02 shall be extended for an additional thirty (30) day period, effective March 3, 2022. The public health emergency is now scheduled to expire on April 2, 2022.
- 2. RESCINDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND ORGANIZED SPORTS.** Effective at 6:00AM on February 26, 2022, vaccination requirements established in Executive Order Nos. 2021-19 (Section 1), 2021-20 (Section 2) and 2021-29 (Section 1) for staff and patrons of covered establishments, including restaurants, bars, clubs, gyms, fitness centers, dance studios, movie theaters, food courts at shopping establishments, bowling alleys, sporting events, concerts, boat cruises and other establishments and events, are hereby rescinded, subject to applicable DPHSS guidance. Additionally, vaccination requirements established in Executive Order Nos. 2021-19 (Section 1) and 2021-20 (Section 2) for participants and coaches of organized contact sports and competitions, are hereby rescinded, subject to applicable DPHSS guidance.

**Individuals who are not vaccinated or boosted are at an increased risk of infection, hospitalization, and death as a result of COVID-19. Such individuals are encouraged to get vaccinated immediately, prior to engaging in activities in congregate settings in which mask use is compromised.**

Establishments and organizers of sports events and competitions must continue to comply with applicable DPHSS guidance, including restrictions on social gatherings, and requirements for mask-wearing and social distancing. Establishments and organizers of sports events and competitions are further encouraged to implement or continue the use of temperature monitoring devices in their facilities, and may impose stricter requirements than provided in DPHSS guidance, subject to local and federal law.

- 3. CONTINUED MASK-WEARING REQUIREMENTS.** Individuals aged two (2) years or older are required to continue wearing masks in public, subject to applicable DPHSS guidance.
- 4. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Order that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this order are severable.





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5. **PRIOR ORDERS REMAIN IN EFFECT.** All prior Executive Orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Hagåtña, Guam, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Governor of Guam

**Attested by:**

**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**

*Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*

Lt. Governor of Guam

