



# Ministry of Health & Human Services

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## MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MITIGATION ORDERS ISSUED PURSUANT TO 34 PNC § 102(m) and 34 PNC § 701 AND MHHS DIRECTIVE 07-22

### SECTION 1: SUBJECT PERSON

Traveler who has arrived in the Republic of Palau from an international jurisdiction that has confirmed cases of COVID-19.

### SECTION 2: FINDINGS

- 2.1 Based on the scientific evidence collected concerning COVID-19, the disease meets the definition of “Contagious Disease” as defined under Section 4.1 of the Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) Rules & Regulations for Isolation and Quarantine of Contagious Diseases.
- 2.2 MHHS reasonably believes that the subject person arriving in the Republic of Palau is potentially infected with or exposed to COVID-19, as specified under Section 4.4 and 4.5 of the MHHS Rules & Regulations for Isolation and Quarantine of Contagious Diseases.
- 2.3 COVID-19 is a quarantinable contagious disease in the Republic of Palau, meaning that MHHS may isolate or quarantine and restrict the movement of individuals who are arriving in the Republic of Palau as authorized by 34 PNC §102(m) and 34 PNC § 701 and MHHS Directive 32-21. This order meets the requirements of MHHS Directive 07-22.
- 2.4 Based on these reasonable beliefs, the subject person meets the standard **for mandatory and recommended** measures under 34 PNC §102(m) and 34 PNC § 701, and MHHS Directive 07-22.

### SECTION 3: REQUIREMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Traveler is required to undergo self-monitoring for a period of at least four (4) days following arrival in Palau. Travelers should monitor their health during this time period, and if symptoms develop, they should isolate immediately, obtain testing and care if necessary.
- 3.2 Traveler is required to wear a face mask and wristband at all times. A health official will remove the wrist band after testing negative of COVID-19 (see 3.3).
- 3.3 Traveler must undergo COVID-19 testing on day 4 after arrival into Palau. If there is no testing available on that day, traveler may test on the next available testing date at a Belau National Hospital testing site. A testing schedule is published on a weekly basis and published on the MHHS Facebook page as well as other media outlets and channels.

## SECTION 4: NOTICE OF LEGAL RIGHTS, PENALTIES, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 4.1 MHHS has legal authority to order traveler to undergo mitigation measures as authorized by 34 PNC §102(m) and 34 PNC § 701 and MHHS Directive 07-22.
- 4.2 Traveler must comply with all requirements prescribed in Section 3 of this mitigation order to protect the public's health. As authorized by 34 PNC §102(m), §104, §701 and the MHHS Rules & Regulations for Isolation and Quarantine of Contagious Diseases, violations of this order in whole or in part, may be subject to a criminal fine of up to USD\$500 and/or up to one year imprisonment.
- 4.3 This order does not affect any constitutional or statutory rights that the traveler may have to seek judicial review of this mitigation order by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau, including any rights to habeas review under the Constitution or relevant statutes of the Republic of Palau.
- 4.4 Questions about this order can be directed to Sherilynn Madraisau at telephone number: 775-3744 or Ritter Udui at telephone number: 775-0084.

## SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This order takes effect immediately upon issuance to the traveler and shall remain valid until the traveler is released from all restrictions imposed by MHHS.

## SECTION 6: AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

This Mitigation Order is hereby issued by the official stated below, pursuant to authority prescribed under 34 PNC §101 and §102(m) and MHHS Directive 07-22.



Sherilynn Madraisau  
Director of Public Health  
Ministry of Health & Human Services

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### NOTICE TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND OTHER NATIONAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

Under 34 PNC and the MHHS Rules & Regulations for Isolation and Quarantine of Contagious Diseases, you are required to aid in the enforcement of national quarantine rules and regulations. Under 34 PNC, the Ministry of Health and Human Services is authorized to cooperate with and aid law enforcement authorities in the enforcement of their quarantine and other health regulations and to accept national and state assistance in the enforcement of national quarantine rules and regulations.

Violation of this order, in whole or in part, constitutes a criminal misdemeanor, punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment pursuant to 34 PNC §102(m), §104, §701, and the MHHS Rules & Regulations for Isolation and Quarantine of Contagious Diseases, as may be amended from time to time.