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Mr. Charles Tobin
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Dear Mr. Tobin:

Resubmitted herewith is Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services' request to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) throughout the territory from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) time limit, per 7 CFR 273.24.

The request is submitted pursuant to 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)(ii) in the 2001 rule. Guam, at this time, does not have sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for these individuals as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Guam Department of Labor is currently unable to conduct the usual periodic unemployment rate surveys due to the aforementioned pandemic. However, it is projected that the unemployment rate is over 10%.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa L. Arcangel, Division of Public Welfare Chief Administrator at (671) 300-7333 or email her at theresa.arcangel@dphss.guam.gov.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR U. SAN AGUSTIN, MHR
Acting Director

Enclosures

STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):**
2. **Type of request:** Initial
3. **Statutory citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended
4. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.24, January 17, 2001 rule (66 FR 4438)
5. **State:** Territory of Guam
6. **Region:** Western
7. **Regulatory requirements:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides that no able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) shall be eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received program benefits for more than 3 months during any 3-year period in which the individual was subject to but did not comply with the ABAWD work requirement. Section 6(o) also provides that, upon the request of the State agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of the 3-month ABAWD time limit for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.
8. **Description of alternative procedures:** The Territory of Guam is requesting a territory-wide waiver from SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)(ii) in the 2001 rule.
9. **Justification for request:** Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)(ii) in the 2001 rule, areas may support a claim of insufficient jobs by submitting evidence that has an area has a lack of jobs in declining occupations or industries, or is described in an academic study or other publications as an area where there are a lack of jobs. The evidence that meets these criteria are attached and are described below. Under 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2) in the 2001 rule, the State agency may submit whatever data it deems appropriate to support its request.

The Territory of Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services is requesting an island-wide waiver to exempt its ABAWD population from the SNAP three-month time limit based on evidence that Guam's projected unemployment rate is over 10 percent due to lack of jobs to provide for these individuals. These circumstances were brought upon by the declaration of the State of Emergency by the Governor of Guam due to COVID-19. A copy of the Governor's Executive

Orders No. 2020-03 is attached. Also attached are Executive Orders, 2020-16 and 2020-22 extending the order to June 29, 2020 and July 30, 2020, respectively.

It is projected that Guam's current unemployment rate is over 10 percent. Guam's Department of Labor is currently unable to conduct the periodic unemployment rate surveys due to COVID-19, so exact current unemployment data are unavailable.

Guam Department of Labor's Press Release dated June 14, 2020 states that an estimated 38,000 workers will be displaced by the pandemic. In addition, as of June 12, 2020, 27,190 Guam workers lost their jobs, got furloughed or got work hour reduction as a direct result of COVID-19 pandemic. These data are based on the reporting of 1,508 employers via hireguam.com, according to Labor Specialist project coordinator Hannah Cho. A copy of the press release is attached.

This waiver applies only to all individuals identified as ABAWDs in Guam. Guam plans to submit a report to reflect the true number of ABAWDs, and a report reflecting a true picture of all workers who lost their jobs, furloughed or work hours reduced.

10. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** This waiver will provide consistency for state operations.
11. **Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable):** This waiver affects the entire territory.
12. **Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:** The Territory is requesting a one-year waiver, from July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.
13. **Proposed quality control review procedures:** There are no quality control procedures involved.
14. **State agency submitting waiver request and State contact person:**

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15. **Signature and title of requesting official:**



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16. Date of request:

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Executive Order No. 2020-03

**RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO
RESPOND TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has identified COVID-19, a respiratory disease that is a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans, as posing a significant public health risk;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared a Global Health Emergency with regard to the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency over the COVID-19 outbreak in the continental United States;

WHEREAS, while no cases of COVID-19 have been identified on Guam, an emergency situation exists such that in order to safeguard the community and general welfare of the island, it is critical that timely precautions be taken and that resources be immediately identified, mobilized and repositioned; and

WHEREAS, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, pursuant to Section 1421g of the Organic Act of Guam, is obligated to provide for the public health of Guam including protecting against the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, Governor of Guam, by the authority vested in me by the Organic Act and laws of Guam, and for the purpose of marshalling all of the island's resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, hereby order the following:

1. **Declaration of State of Emergency.** A state of emergency pursuant to Section 19401 of Article 4, Chapter 19, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated is hereby declared for Guam as a result of the effects of COVID-19 on the island.
2. **Primary Public Health Authority.** The Department of Public Health and Social Services, through its Director and with the approval of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, shall be authorized to exercise all powers enumerated in Chapter 19 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.
3. **Geographic Areas Applicable to the Declaration.** All geographic areas with confirmed cases of COVID-19 shall be applicable to this declaration. The authority of this Executive Order shall pertain to all of Guam.



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4. **Suspension of Statutes, Orders, Rules and Regulations That Prevent, Hinder or Delay Necessary Action to Respond to the Emergency.** Pursuant to Section 19403(a)(1), of Chapter 19, Title 10 Guam Code Annotated, statutes, orders, rules, and regulations that prevent, hinder or delay necessary action to prepare for or respond to this public health emergency, including but not limited to, purchases and hiring, are hereby suspended.
5. **Price Gouging.** Effective immediately and throughout the duration of this Executive Order or within any time period allowed by law, whichever is longer, it shall be an unfair trade practice for any merchant or landlord to increase the price of any goods, services, or dwelling rentals on the basis of shortage anticipated or caused by this public health emergency.
6. **Personnel and Procurement.** Pursuant to Sections 19505 and 19803 of Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, this Executive Order shall authorize, hiring, overtime and any procurement related to this public health emergency for all government of Guam agencies responding to the emergency.
7. **GHS/OCD to be Lead Agency for Logistics.** GHS/OCD shall be the lead agency for the logistical organization and direction of resources and procurement of any goods and services relative to this Executive Order. Any procurement pursuant to this Executive Order is not being used solely for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of the Guam Procurement Law.
8. **Authorization For Overtime.** Authorization is given for the payment of overtime for non-exempt Government of Guam employees, to work in excess of forty (40) hours a week to mitigate and respond to the effects of COVID-19. The Office of Civil Defense Administrator is authorized to determine the eligibility of overtime expenditures resulting from work performed by the government agencies, and approval from the Bureau of Budget Management & Research shall be obtained prior to incurring any overtime or expenses. Failure to obtain prior approval shall be grounds for denying reimbursement.
9. **Documentation of Expenses.** All departments and agencies are instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency expenses authorized by this Executive Order for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and by the Public Auditor of Guam, and in anticipation of federal disaster assistance approval by the President of the United States to be administered by any federal agency.
10. **Activation of Guam National Guard.** The Adjutant General is authorized to issue active duty orders for the mobilization of such National Guard personnel and equipment as she may determine to protect life and safety, to continue essential public services, and to prevent undue loss and suffering.



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11. **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.

Signed and Promulgated at Hagåtña, Guam, this 14th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joshua F. Tenorio".

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam



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May 28, 2020

HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

35th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building

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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Executive Order No. 2020-16

Dear Madame Speaker:

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-16:
RELATIVE TO ALLOWING ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
DURING PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS 2

If you have any questions, please contact my office at # 475-9475/76.

Senseramente,

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ

Legal Counsel

Enclosure(s): Executive Order No. 2020-16

cc via email: *Maga'hågan Guåhan*
Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Hon. F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of Guam
Compiler of Law
Central Files
Cabinet Members



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-16

**RELATIVE TO ALLOWING ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING
PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS 2**

WHEREAS, since March 14, 2020, Guam, like much of the rest of the world, has been in a state of emergency as a result of the global health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Guam has adopted a system of readiness, known as the Pandemic Conditions of Readiness ("PCOR"), that guides decision-making for purposes of coordinating health and safety responses, imposing restrictions on activities, and directing government services; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, I declared Guam to be in PCOR 2; and

WHEREAS, since moving into PCOR 2, based on data provided by the Department of Public Health and Social Services ("DPHSS") and the Guam National Guard through the Guam State Surgeon Cell, we have maintained a steady downward trend in the number of positive tests; and

WHEREAS, we have continued our expanded testing services and begun the phase in re-opening of non-essential activities; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with DPHSS, the Guam State Surgeon Cell, my Physicians Advisory Group, and the Guam Recovery Panel of Advisors, I am confident that we have made progress sufficient to permit additional non-essential activities to recommence.

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 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.** Effective at 12:01AM on Saturday, May 30, 2020, the public health emergency first declared in Executive Order No. 2020-03, extended in Executive Order Nos. 2020-09 and 2020-11 and currently set to expire on May 30, is extended for an additional thirty (30) day period. The public health emergency is now set to expire on June 29, 2020.
- 2. PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS 2.** Guam continues to be in PCOR 2. Under PCOR 2, limited activities are permitted to operate under moderate restrictions.
 - a. MANDATORY SOCIAL DISTANCING.** All allowed activities shall be conducted utilizing mitigation measures including, but not limited to, social distancing of at least six (6) feet and posting of appropriate signage; frequent cleaning of all surfaces; mandating the wearing of face masks unless engaged in physical exercise or eating; and permitting/encouraging teleworking. Older residents and those with pre-existing conditions are encouraged to limit excursions of any type.
 - b. GATHERINGS OR CONGREGATIONS.** A "congregation" or "social gathering" is a meeting for a common and singular purpose of more than one (1)



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person where the individuals are not members of a single household unit. Effective at 8:00 AM on Friday, May 29, 2020, social gatherings or congregations shall be limited to no more than twenty-five (25) persons regardless of whether the individuals are of a single household unit.

- c. **CONTINUED CLOSURE OF ALL SCHOOLS.** Pursuant to Section 3317, Article 3, Chapter 3 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, all public and private schools on Guam serving prekindergarten through 12th grade students remain closed for educational purposes through the end of the public health emergency. The definition of habitual truancy pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 6, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated is suspended. Student absences due to school closures and absences connected to the transmission of COVID-19 during the effect of this Executive Order shall not contribute to the calculation of habitual truancy.
- d. **RESTRICTING ENTRY INTO GUAM.** Pursuant to Section 3333, Article 3, Chapter 3, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, all persons who do not possess a DPHSS recognized and certified document indicating that the person has been tested for and is not infected with COVID-19, shall be restricted entry into Guam. The date of the test must not be more than one (1) week from the date of attempted entry into Guam. Any individual who enters into Guam without the proper documentation shall be quarantined pursuant to this Section and Sections 19604 and 19605 of Article 6, Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated. Such quarantine will be administered in accordance with applicable Public Health Guidance, which shall include appropriate protocols for determining home quarantine conditions for current, intended and returning Guam residents.
- e. **PUBLIC PARKS AND BEACHES.** Effective at 8:00 AM on Friday, May 29, 2020, all government of Guam parks and beaches shall be open to the public.
- f. **OCCUPANCY LIMIT.** Any place of business, place of worship, or public accommodation as permitted under applicable Public Health Guidance may resume operations provided it does so at no greater than fifty percent (50%) capacity or up to ten (10) people. In no instance may a business, place of worship or public accommodation operate at an occupancy that is greater than its regular occupancy limit.
- g. **ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS.** All other provisions of Executive Order No. 2020-14 governing the restrictions on activities and the conduct of business operations during PCOR 2 shall continue in full force and effect until PCOR 3 is declared or the public health emergency is ended. Individuals, businesses, places of worship, and government agencies should be guided by applicable Public Health Guidance.
- h. **ENFORCEMENT.** Individuals and businesses who refuse to comply with this Order may be subject to fines and/or, in the case of businesses, the termination of business licenses, as well as any other penalties as may be available under Guam law. DPHSS and the Department of Revenue and Taxation ("DRT") shall enforce this Order and, if necessary, may do so with the assistance of the Guam Police Department ("GPD") and the Guam Fire Department ("GFD").



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3. **GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OPERATIONS.** Effective Monday, June 1, 2020, all government of Guam offices, agencies, and departments shall recommence public operations. To the extent possible and where appropriate, agencies will encourage teleworking by employees. Unless otherwise instructed by their supervisors, all employees shall return to their physical worksites. Government of Guam agencies will abide by the applicable Public Health Guidance in their operations.

a. **EXPIRATION OF CATEGORY 3 COVID-19 RESPONSE DIFFERENTIAL PAY.** Effective Monday, June 1, 2020, Category 3 of the Covid-19 Response Differential Pay plan established in Executive Order No. 2020-08 shall expire. Government of Guam employees not otherwise eligible for Categories 1 or 2 of the COVID-19 Response Differential Pay plan shall be compensated at their regular rate regardless of whether work occurs in their physical workplace or via telework.

4. **OPEN GOVERNMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE.** The application of Sections 8103, 8107, 8108, 8109, 8110, 8114, and 8115 of Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated are temporarily suspended for the duration of this public health emergency or any extension thereof. To ensure the public is well-informed in this time of emergency, public agencies shall document their meetings in minutes and continue compliance with Section 8113.1, Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated. Notwithstanding any other provision of local law, *I Liheslaturan Gudhan* and any government agency, board or commission, is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to attend and to address the body. All requirements in local law expressly or impliedly requiring the physical presence of members, other personnel of the body, or of the public as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting are hereby waived.

In particular, any otherwise-applicable requirements that

- a. bodies notice each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting;
- b. each teleconference location be accessible to the public;
- c. members of the public may address the body each teleconference conference location;
- d. bodies must post agendas at all teleconference locations; and
- e. at least one (1) member of the body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting; and during teleconference meetings,

are hereby suspended, on the conditions that:

1. While the suspensions articulated above are in effect, any government entity or agency which holds a meeting for the purpose of conducting public business shall provide public notice by submitting meeting information for posting on the website of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam. Provision of such information to



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the Office of the Attorney General of Guam shall be made in advance of the scheduled meeting so that there is reasonable time for the posting on the website to occur.

2. Consistent with the notice requirement in paragraph (a), each body must notice at least one (1) telephonically or electronically accessible location from which members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment at the public meeting, consistent with the public's rights of access and public comment otherwise provided for by local open government laws, as applicable.
3. Actions taken at meetings of public agencies without compliance with all provisions of the Open Government Law shall not be effective until compliance with Section 8113.1, Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated.

5. MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURE AND EVICTION PROCEEDINGS. It is hereby ordered that no eviction or foreclosure actions may be initiated between the period of the date of Executive Order 2020-07 until the end of this public health emergency or any extension thereof. Any eviction or foreclosure action currently in process shall be tolled for the duration of this public health emergency period, or any extension thereof.

- a. No provision contained in this Executive Order shall be construed as relieving any individual of the obligation to pay rent, to make mortgage payments, or to comply with other obligations that an individual may have under a rental or mortgage agreement.
- b. The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority ("GHURA"), the Guam Housing Corporation ("GHC"), the CHamoru Land Trust Commission ("CLTC") will continue to utilize their full discretion to extend deadlines for housing assistance recipients or applicants to deliver records or documents pertaining to their eligibility for programs during the pendency of this public health emergency, or any extension thereof.
- c. DRT shall continue to engage with financial institutions to identify any tools, means, or methods that could provide relief from the threat of residential foreclosure.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

- a. **Suspension of Statutes, Orders, Rules and Regulations that Prevent, Hinder or Delay Necessary Action to Respond to the Emergency.** Pursuant to Section 19403(a)(1) of Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, statutes, orders, rules, and regulations that prevent, hinder or delay necessary action to prepare for or respond to this public health emergency, including but not limited to, purchases and hiring, are hereby suspended.
- b. **Personnel and Procurement.** Pursuant to Sections 19505 and 19803 of Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, this Executive Order authorizes hiring, overtime, and any procurement or purchases related to this public health emergency for all government of Guam agencies responding to this emergency.



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- c. **Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense ("GHS/OCD") to be Lead Agency for Logistics.** GHS/OCD shall be the lead agency for logistical organization and direction of resources and procurement of any goods and services relative to this public health emergency. Any procurement or purchase undertaken to respond to this public health emergency is not being utilized for the purpose of avoiding provisions of the Guam Procurement Law.
- d. **Authorization for Overtime.** Authorization is given for the payment of overtime for Government of Guam employees, to work in excess of forty (40) hours a week to mitigate and respond to the effects of COVID-19. The Office of Civil Defense Administrator is authorized to determine the eligibility of overtime expenditures resulting from work performed by the government agencies, and approval from the Bureau of Budget & Management Research ("BBMR") shall, to the extent possible, be obtained prior to incurring any overtime.
- e. **Documentation of Expenses.** All departments and agencies are instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency expenses related to this public health emergency for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and by the Public Auditor of Guam, and as required as conditions of federal assistance.
- f. **Guam National Guard.** The Adjutant General is authorized to issue any additional active duty orders for the mobilization of such National Guard personnel and equipment as she may determine to protect life and safety, to continue essential public services and to prevent undue loss and suffering.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 28th day of May 2020.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-22

**RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
DECLARED TO RESPOND TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the public health emergency first declared on March 14, 2020, was last extended on May 28, 2020 and is now set to expire on June 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, over the last 14 days, the island's positive case count has increased by 68, an increase that includes cases in both in our civilian and military communities; and

WHEREAS, the increase in cases necessitates continued public health, public safety, economic, and public welfare efforts to combat the effects of this global pandemic on our island; and

WHEREAS, certain states throughout the United States have seen a marked increase in their case count as well; and

WHEREAS, the number of travelers arriving in Guam is steadily rising, with many individuals arriving from locations where COVID-19 case counts are still high; and

WHEREAS, identifying travelers from high-risk areas and tracing their contacts with others are critical to prevent further transmission of the virus

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, and the laws of Guam, do hereby order:

- 1. EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.** Effective at 12:01AM on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, the public health emergency first declared in Executive Order No. 2020-03, extended in Executive Order Nos. 2020-09, 2020-11, and 2020-16 and currently set to expire on June 29, is extended for an additional thirty (30) day period. The public health emergency is now set to expire on July 30, 2020.
- 2. PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS 2.** Guam continues to be in PCOR2. Under PCOR 2, limited activities are permitted to operate under moderate restrictions.



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3. **RESTRICTING ENTRY INTO GUAM.** Pursuant to Section 3333, Article 3, Chapter 3, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, all persons entering Guam shall be subject to quarantine pursuant to this Section and Section 19604 and 19605 of Article 6, Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated. Such quarantine will be administered in accordance with applicable Public Health Guidance, which may include a requirement that individuals arriving from designated "high risk areas" without negative COVID-19 test results as a result of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing no more than seventy two (72) hours prior to arrival be quarantined at a government qualified facility.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 29th day of June 2020.



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

https://www.postguam.com/news/local/i-dont-want-to-be-homeless-16-396-unemployment-claims-await-payments/article_b394f9dc-ac4d-11ea-b5cf-bf4788a04e5b.html

'I don't want to be homeless': 16,396 unemployment claims await payments

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GRAB & GO: Residents line up to receive commodities during the Guam Department of Education food emergency program at the T-ryan Baseball Field on Thursday, June 11. Harlo Simon/The Guam Daily Post

Shirley Mae V. Taisacan, 57, never imagined she would be forced to apply for federal food assistance after working almost all her life.

She was furloughed from the Hyatt Regency Guam starting on April 5 and was called in about twice since then to work up to three days to help maintain the hotel.

"Whatever I earned from working for three days, I give to my landlord. I don't want to be homeless," she said. "After June 30 and I don't make payments, my landlord may evict me, so I'm doing all I can to give any money I earn."

Taisacan is one of the 16,396 who have so far filed an initial unemployment claim with the Guam Department of Labor.



But since applying online on May 30, she said her application issues have yet to be resolved.

"It's been a long time to get my application in order. I applied on May 30. There were errors. So I call and email almost every day. One person calls me back and says it's not his department so he told me to email and dial another number. It's now June 12, and my issues have not been resolved," the hotel maintenance worker said.

Taisacan is eager to go back to work, but Guam's tourism and hotel industry are still closed.

"It's my first time to apply for food stamp because almost all my life, I work – I work hard so I don't have to rely on government assistance. I didn't have a choice this time. I can't go back to work," she said.

She said if she can talk directly to Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero, she would ask her to "please help us" by speeding up the processing of unemployment aid application and payments.

As of Friday morning, 27,190 Guam workers lost their job, got furloughed or got work hour reductions as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is based on the reporting of 1,508 employers via hireguam.com, according to Labor special project coordinator Hannah Cho.

Of the total number of displaced workers now in the system, 16,396 have so far filed an initial unemployment claim, but a big percentage of that contains errors that need to be corrected.

As of Friday, there's no telling when the first round of payments will be.

The U.S. Department of Labor approved the release of an initial \$276 million for Guam's rollout of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation programs.



Guam Labor asked for a \$924 million budget, estimating 38,000 workers will be displaced by the pandemic.

In-person application

On Monday, Guam Labor's in-person application process begins for those who have already made appointments.

No walk-ins will be accepted.

The processing center is open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Guam Community College Building E.

Social distancing guidelines will be enforced. The first two hours will be prioritized for veterans, manāmkō', and persons with disabilities.

Guam Labor will also start a roving PUA processing center in partnership with the Guam Public Library System at various library locations starting Monday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The library location and schedule are subject to change:

- Dededo - June 15, 22, 25 & 29
- Hagåtña - June 16, 23, 27 & 30
- Merizo - June 17, 23, 27 & 30
- Yona - June 18, 24, & 26
- Agat - June 19, 24, & 26

Appointments are for those who have not created a HireGuam account.

All applicants must have an email address and proper documentation on hand, as they will input their information themselves on the PUA online application.

The appointment call center lines for the PUA main processing center and libraries are 988-3672, 788-0729, and 689-1872.

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"It's my first time to apply for food stamp because almost all my life, I work - I work hard so I don't have to rely on government assistance. I didn't have a choice this time. I can't go back to work." - Shirley Mae Taisacan, furloughed Guam resident

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