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All stakeholders play a critical role in supporting positive community action. Through the support of Governor Lolo M. Moliga, Lieutenant Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga and the Territory of American Samoa, this call to action involves the engagement of our people to lend support and assistance to our Healthcare Professionals, First Responders, Traditional Leaders, Local Government, Private Industries and Faith Based Organizations to help operationalize this Plan and Threat Matrix by adhering to those requiring self-quarantine (Home) or isolation quarantine (Medical Facility) for a period of 14 days. This would include ensuring those individuals and families continue to have access to food, water, medicines and other essential items or services.

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) as well as other community groups such as Religious denominations and ethnic-specific groups will help address the specific needs of vulnerable and elderly communities. Government agencies will coordinate the mobilization of government resources, assets and finances to support the nationwide response. The American Samoa Department of Health and LBJ will lead the health response, in collaboration with relevant community and international partners. The private sector will work alongside government agencies to minimize disruption to the business continuity.

Risk Levels
(According to Positive Infection)

Color Codes for
Situations and Restrictions
COVID-19: Travel Risk Categories & Threat Level Matrix

**Low Risk**
1. Asymptomatic
2. No Travel History to COVID-19 affected Countries & U.S. States

**Medium Risk**
1. Asymptomatic
2. Home Quarantine for 14 Days after arrival date.
3. Daily Follow-up by DOH - EPI Teams.
4. Close-contact: Spouse or Partner or People living in the same household with COVID-19 case.

**High Risk**
1. Symptomatic Stable: for whole families with a member showing fever, cough, without shortness of breath will be subject to Home Quarantine, 14 days from travel date. Daily follow-up by EpiNet Teams.
2. Leone Health Center: Non-compliant Home Quarantine.
3. Person(s) living with vulnerable population or elderly with chronic medical condition to include heart disease, respiratory disease, ESRD, diabetes, young children.
4. Symptomatic Unstable: person showing fever, cough, and shortness of breath or (life-threatening physician's discretion, require hospital care); transport to LBJ for isolation
5. COVID-19 POSITIVE.
6. Contact Tracing: Passengers seated with perimeter of 3 rows front, 3 rows back.
CODE BLUE

Minimal social disruption with an emphasis on social distancing, hygiene, and cough etiquette.

**SITUATION:** COVID-19 has been identified and spreading in Foreign Countries and in the United States, including Hawaii and not in American Samoa. Measures focus on delaying entry of the disease through community awareness/education and encouraging hand washing, cough etiquette and social distancing. Minimal disruption to society such as travel advisories and restrictions. Conduct business as usual. Minimal disruption to society such as quarantine and isolation.

- The public is encouraged to avoid touching the face, thoroughly wash hands with soap for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer of more than 70% alcohol. The public is further advised to use the Comprehensive Sanitation Program for Community Facilities for guidance on disinfecting households.
- Travelers from affected foreign countries will be on full quarantine on arrival. For covid-19 related workers, quarantines will not be imposed.
- Travelers from affected US states will be subject to screening and quarantine at the discretion of DOH physicians. For covid-19 related workers, quarantines will not be imposed.
- US Nationals/Citizens that are local residents and Legal Alien Residents are to show proof of American Samoa residency through local ID, hospital ID, or utility bill. Proof of residency will exempt them from the OK Board process. All requests are to be routed through the Office of the Attorney General.
- Unnecessary travel to affected foreign countries or US states is discouraged.
- ASG departments are to stagger staffing coverage and use a four (4) day work week for employees (10 hours/day) to ensure sufficient coverage but limited interpersonal exposure.
- Social distancing methods are to be encouraged such as video conferencing, phone calls, emails for communication.
- All off-island medical referrals to New Zealand are suspended. The option will be considered only for medical emergencies and be at the discretion of LBJ physicians.
- All businesses will only be allowed to operate from 6am to 6pm.
- All public gatherings are suspended until further notice. This includes, but is not limited to, bingo halls, rallies, political events, theaters, traditional gatherings, parks and recreation areas, flight night gatherings, and major sponsored events. Only private family gatherings of no more than ten (10) people will be permitted. DPS is tasked with ensuring that public gatherings disperse. The public is advised that failure to obey this restriction will be prosecuted as a Class A misdemeanor under ASCA § 13.0323.
- Businesses may remain open but restaurants, bars, and nightclubs will be limited to no more than ten (10) person occupancy. Businesses are encouraged to keep their facilities sanitized.
- Samoa Airways and Talofa Airways will be restricted to 2 flights per day.
- The Territorial Correctional Facility shall suspend all visitations.
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CODE YELLOW

With 1 confirmed case in American Samoa, this code will continue heightening restrictions to slow the spread of the disease within the Territory.

SITUATION: Enhance delayed entry of disease and response. COVID-19 has been identified and spreading in Foreign Countries and in the United States including Hawaii, Pacific Region, but not in Am. Samoa. Measures focus on delaying entry of the disease through community awareness/education and encouraging hand washing, cough etiquette and social distancing. Moderate disruption to society such as travel advisories and restrictions, public gatherings, quarantine and isolation.

- Community awareness continues to be a focus and the public is encouraged to maintain hygiene practices.
- Families will be encouraged to isolate with 1 designated family member to go to the store.
- All businesses will only be allowed to operate from 6am to 3pm.
- The Territorial Correctional Facility, Hope House, and Admitted Patients at LBJ will be closed for visitation.
- Travel restrictions are increased and all travelers will require an OK Board to enter and entry permits for foreign nationals will continue to be suspended. OK Board requirements will include submission of copies of itinerary, passport (including stamped pages), health clearance, and payment of $50 fee. Work related OK Boards will be considered but applications must include verification from employer. US Nationals/Citizens that are local residents and Legal Alien Residents are to show proof of American Samoa residency through local ID, hospital ID, or utility bill. Proof of residency will exempt them from the OK Board process. All requests are to be routed through the Office of the Attorney General.
- Unnecessary travel to affected areas will be limited.
- All public schools, private schools, daycares, and ASCC, will be closed until further notice. The Director of Department of Education is directed to develop and implement plans to continue education for students studying at home.
- Social distancing promotion continues.
- The Commerce Commission is to provide plans and emergency regulations for limiting capacity and implementing social distancing in public transportation.
- All ASG business travel is suspended.
- All ASG departments are to schedule 50% staffing levels and/or provide flex accommodation. Tier One employees will work on Monday/Wednesday. Tier Two employees will work Tuesday/Thursday. All employees will be compensated for 40 hours per week. First responders and essential personnel will be staffed for 24/7 operations.
- A Territorial Curfew of 9pm will be imposed.
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CODE RED

In the event of severe spread of the disease locally, major protective measures will be enforced.

**Situation:** Mitigate Impact of COVID-19. Disease is severe AND is spreading widely. The health system is unable to cope with the situation. Major disruption to society such as school closures, work from home notices and disruption of law and order in the community. 1 CONFIRMED CASE in AM. SAMOA.

- All businesses will only be allowed to operate from 6am to 12pm.
- All passenger air and sea travel will be suspended.
- Ports of entry will be closed except for Military and approved air or sea cargo vessels.
- All public gatherings will be completely shut down.
- All ASG operations will be suspended except for first responders and essential employees.