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for the Northern Mariana Islands

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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In re:

Courthouse Entry Protocol

in Response to the COVID-19 Virus

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General Order No. 22-00004

ORDER

This Order establishes the entry requirements in the Gualo Rai Courthouse and supersedes General Order 22-0002 issued on February 18, 2022.

On April 8, 2022, the CNMI Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) announced that the CNMI is in COVID-19 Community Level Low based on the new U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) metric. A combination of three factors determines the COVID-19 Community Level: new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days; the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients; and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 in the past 7 days. The Task Force and CHCC reported a high percentage of booster vaccinations (approximately 60%) of those fully vaccinated and declining COVID-19 infections. Therefore, face masks and social distancing shall now be **optional** based on personal preference for all areas of the Gualo Rai Courthouse. Upon request, social distancing accommodations may be provided (6 feet distancing). This Order shall take effect on May 27, 2022.

IT SO ORDERED on this 26th day of May, 2022.

RAMONA V. MANGLO

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Chief Judge