



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

February 23, 2022

**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 027 – 22**

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: ASG Shutdown Due to COVID-19 Risk Level Elevated to Code Red

As leaders, many of you have had to carry out additional responsibilities in assisting with limiting the number of COVID-19 cases entering our Territory – you have all worked tirelessly in support of the COVID Taskforce and the Department of Health’s critical mission. We appreciate your efforts and recognize your critical role in keeping our Territory safe. However, it does not end here.

As of **midnight February 22, 2022**, the COVID-19 risk level for American Samoa elevated to **Code Red**.

Under Section 3. (C) of the Declaration of Ongoing Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency, each department, office, and agency “will designate essential employees who directly perform or support essential services such as those related to public safety; health; utilities; food production, distribution, and sales; sanitation and laundry; port operations; and similarly, essential services. Only those employees who are absolutely essential should work at places of employment.”

Furthermore, Section 3. (D) states all ASG operations will be suspended except for first responders and essential employees.

Virtual and telework should be imposed to maintain essential services wherever operationally feasible. On-site work should absolutely be limited to critical situations, i.e., law enforcement functions critical to health and safety or performing critical on-site support functions.

The Code Red risk level will remain in effect until **March 1st, 2022**. If required, further guidance will be given regarding this elevated risk level extension beyond a week, should the GAR and COVID-19 Taskforce decide an extension is necessary.

All Directors and Deputy Directors should be flexible in sustaining their operations as we navigate through this recent emergency. Executing our critical mission while accommodating the health

and safety of our people is a top priority. We want to thank everyone for your willingness to do your part, your commitment to service to our territory, and all you do to keep our community safe.

You may find a copy of the most recent iteration of the Declaration of Ongoing Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency and the recent amendment on the main government website, [www.americansamoa.gov](http://www.americansamoa.gov).

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LEMANU P. S. MAUGA  
Governor