

FSM Information Services

Public Announcement

FSM CITIZENS: Reminder—You Are Prohibited From Outbound Travel to COVID-19 Affected Jurisdictions; FYI—Guam is Currently Mandating A 14-Day Quarantine At Your Personal Expense

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On March 30th, 2020, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) became aware of a newly declared mandatory 14-day quarantine for all travelers into the U.S. Territory of Guam, including citizens from the FSM.

FSM Citizens are reminded that both the original Public Health Emergency Declaration signed on January 31st, 2020, and the subsequent National Declaration Placing the Entire FSM Under a State of National Public Health Emergency in Connection with the COVID-19 Pandemic signed on March 14th, 2020, prohibits FSM citizen travel outbound to COVID-19 affected jurisdictions until such time that a determination is made that the COVID-19 Pandemic has been contained. Exemptions are made for a traveler returning to a place of employment, returning to a place of education, acquiring urgently needed medical services, or attending to a unique family crisis such as the death of a loved one.

Citizens wishing to remind themselves of the content within the President's declaration may find it here: https://gov.fm/files/Declaration_as_of_March_14.pdf

Guam is a COVID-19 affected jurisdiction, and by extension FSM citizens are prohibited from traveling there unless they meet the criteria described above.

Per the terms of Guam's mandatory quarantine procedures, all travelers entering Guam must stay at a Government-designated quarantine facility for a minimum of 14 days. The Government of Guam will charge travelers for services rendered, such as the cost of the hotel and transportation to and from these designated facilities. The FSM National Government continues to discourage travel, recommends all citizens practice social distancing, such as maintaining six feet distance from other individuals, and discourages large gatherings.

PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE

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ALL PERSONS entering Guam by **AIR OR SEA** shall be subject to a **QUARANTINE** at a government-designated facility for a period of **FOURTEEN (14) DAYS** from their date of entry.

This Directive will remain in effect until further notice.



For more information on this Directive
and all other general inquiries on COVID-19, DIAL 311

II – Travel ban and restrictions

(4) Travel bans being unquestionably imperative must be enforced according to the terms of this declaration. Persons travelling from China since January 6, 2020, are prohibited from entering into the FSM for as long as the COVID-19 Pandemic persists. Rare exceptions may be granted, on a case-by-case basis, in the interest of FSM citizens attending schools in Mainland China and FSM Government officials deployed there, premised upon a favorable advice, assessment and recommendation by the FSM Task Force.

(5) All FSM Citizens are banned from travelling to Mainland China and to any country, state or territory with confirmed cases of COVID-19 until further notice and until such time that a determination is made that the COVID-19 Pandemic is effectively contained. Exceptions may be granted for FSM citizens who are traveling to countries other than China out of economic necessity, education, urgent medical treatment or for immediate family emergencies (e.g., returning to work, going to school, or death or terminal illness of an immediate family member)

(6) Other citizens, nationals and residents of the FSM are strongly advised against travel to any countries, states or territories with confirmed cases of COVID-19 with the understanding that they may be prohibited from reentry, and may be subject to quarantine procedures upon arrival in the FSM.

(7) Notwithstanding paragraph 9, in the event that Guam has a confirmed case of COVID-19, travellers originating from Guam and Hawaii with no symptom of COVID-19 will be permitted to travel to the FSM but will be subject to mandatory quarantine upon their arrival in the FSM.

(8) Any terminating traveller in the FSM having symptoms of the COVID-19 will be permitted to enter but will be subject to quarantine/isolation requirements.

Pictured Above: Per the March 14th Declaration from His Excellency David W. Panuelo, ALL FSM citizens are banned from traveling to...any country, state, or territory with confirmed cases of COVID-19.