



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 031 – 22**

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

From: Governor

Subject: ASG Covid-19 Risk Level CODE RED Extended Until March 8, 2022

As of February 27, 2022, the COVID-19 risk level Code Red is extended to expire at **12:01 AM, March 8, 2022** due to the increase in the transmission of COVID-19 within the community. I want to commend all cabinet members, essential employees, and first responders for stepping up to meet the different challenges in the EOC, at testing and vaccination sites, as well as enforcing curfew. I would also like to recognize the work of the Office of Samoan Affairs and the local government in enforcing curfew and dealing with village issues.

Based on data from the American Samoa Department of Public Health (DOH), the number of positive COVID-19 cases transmitted by community spread has increased exponentially within a week. The COVID-19 Task Force will continue to monitor this data to determine when the community will be able to sustain trends in the right direction, and make the necessary recommendations for follow-up actions. To contain the spread, the order was given to extend the Code Red period for another 7 days.

It is crucial for us to continue supporting the local COVID-19 baseline mitigation measures, including wearing masks, getting vaccinated, social distancing, and prohibiting public gatherings. We must be mindful of limited movement and restrict travel to performing services essential to your department's operations. Virtual and telework should be used to carry out daily activities where feasible, and on-site work should be absolutely limited to critical situations.

Each Director will report the following to the Deputy Chief of Staff:

- Divisions, units, and functions that are closed due to the Code Red declaration.
- Divisions, units, and functions that are functioning but only online.
- Divisions, units, and functions that have been deemed essential and continue to function.
  - Provide office hours of operation
  - Describe the protocols in place to protect essential workers from COVID-19.

All other restrictions under the Emergency Declaration will remain in place as a course of action will be refined over the coming weeks. The Taskforce utilizes targeted mitigation measures at the

village level using varied data to help slow the spread of COVID-19 within the Territory. We must work together to accomplish our mission-critical goal of containing the virus.

All messaging efforts, communications, and contact tracing are facilitated at the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security (ASDHS) primary Emergency Operations Center (EOC). All action plans must be submitted to the GAR for review and approval.

Please give the EOC and emergency responders your full support as we continue to place the health and the safety of our people as our number one priority.

Thank you for your commitment to service and all you do to keep our community safe.



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Governor