



The President
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Federated States of Micronesia

Public Health Emergency Declaration in the FSM

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared on January 30, 2020 (January 31st 2020 Pohnpei time) that the new Coronavirus is a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC);

WHEREAS, the ongoing spread of the Coronavirus are threatening the safety and public security of citizens, nationals and residents of the Federated States of Micronesia;

WHEREAS, as of today, over 8,100 cases of Coronavirus have been confirmed in mainland China with 171 deaths prompting the PHEIC declaration by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that immediate precautionary measures are put in place in FSM in order to protect that lives and safety of its citizens, nationals and residents by initiating ban, restrictions and/or advisory with respect to unnecessary international travels that could intensify the risk of spreading the virus into the FSM territory.

NOW THEREFORE, I, David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, pursuant to the authority vested upon me under Article IX Section 10 of the FSM Constitution, do hereby place the entire territory of the Federated States of Micronesia under a state of emergency to address the effects of Coronavirus and order as follows:

(1) All citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia are banned from travelling to mainland China and other countries with confirmed cases of Coronavirus until further notice and until such time that a determination is made that the Coronavirus is effectively contained.

(2) Other citizens, nationals and residents in FSM are strongly advised against taking unnecessary travel to mainland China and other countries, states and territory with confirmed cases of Coronavirus until the situation is reassessed and found to be under control making it safe to resume international travel.

(3) Persons travelling directly or indirectly, either by air or sea transport, from anywhere in mainland China since January 6, 2020, are banned from entering into FSM. They are advised to see a doctor or proceed to a hospital once they experience any of the Coronavirus symptoms, such as, feeling tired, difficulty breathing, high temperature and coughing and/or sore throat.

(4) Persons travelling into FSM from countries, states or territory with confirmed cases of the Coronavirus (other than mainland China) are not allowed to enter into FSM unless they have stayed in a country, state or territory with no confirmed cases of Coronavirus for a period not less than 14 days immediately prior to their entry into FSM.



(5) A task force is hereby established to coordinate all activities that need to be undertaken and measures that must be formulated and implemented in connection with the Coronavirus. The Department of Health is designated as lead department and chair of Task Force, which will be responsible for setting up plans to provide any necessary measures that will ensure that the movement of people and international travellers do not cause the introduction of Coronavirus anywhere in FSM. The members of the Task Force are the following:

- Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECCEM)
- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Department of Finance
- Department of Transportation Communication and Infrastructure (TC&I)
- Department of Justice
- Department of Resources and Development (R&D)
- Department of Education
- FSM Division of Immigration
- Representatives of the Private Sector
- Representatives of State Governments as recommended by the State Governors

The Task Force shall convene immediately upon issuance of this order and provide the President with timely report and update.

(6) Subject to availability of fund, so much of the Disaster Assistance and Emergency Fund (DAEF), or any available fund, up to \$200,000 is hereby decreed in response to this emergency situation.

(7) The Department of Finance shall identify sources of replenishment for the decreed fund and recommend to the President, as soon as practical, additional supplemental budget request to Congress.

(8) During the emergency, a civil right may be impaired only to the extent actually required for the preservation of peace, health, or safety. The normal requirement of competitive bidding is waived for any procurement made in connection with this declaration of emergency.

SO ORDERED.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David W. Panuelo".

David W. Panuelo
President

Date: January 31, 2020