



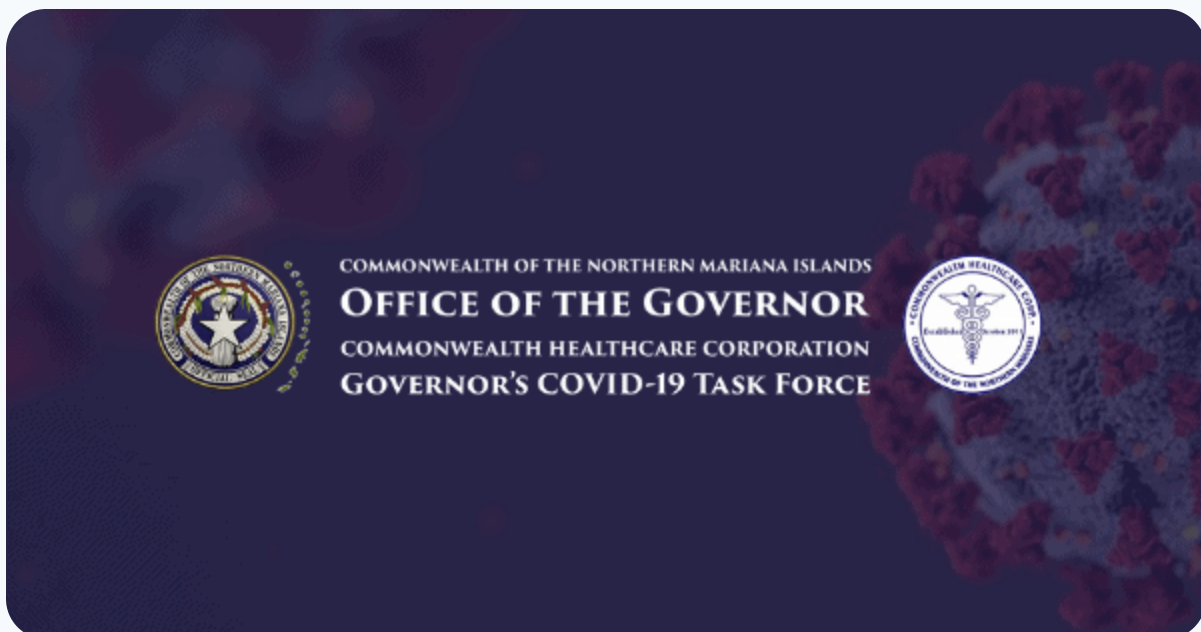
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TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS LIFTED; CNMI RETURNS TO COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY LEVEL BLUE

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Governor Ralph DLG. Torres announced on Sunday that the temporary restrictions on in-person interactions, social gatherings, and business hours, which began on August 24, 2020, will expire at the end of today, September 6, 2020.

The CNMI officially returns to Community Vulnerability Level BLUE on Monday, September 7, 2020.



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the CNMI has been able to contain community transmission.

These last two weeks of temporary restrictions have been used to determine how widespread community transmission is within the CNMI and to prevent further spread of the virus.

The entire community is to be commended for washing their hands, wearing a mask, and watching their distance in public. However, it remains important to be vigilant and to not have our guard down, which requires all CNMI residents to work together.

"I want to thank all of our federal and local partners, our businesses, and everyone who calls the Marianas home for being with us in our efforts to keep our community safe from COVID-19. It has not been easy this year, but we can be proud knowing that the CNMI is one of the safest places in the world. Let's continue to be vigilant and work together," said Governor Torres.

With the expiration of the Governor's temporary restrictions, the CNMI returns to Community Vulnerability Level BLUE. This means:

CURFEW

Curfew Hours are now back to **2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.**

- Exceptions to Curfew Hours remain:
 - o First responders while in performance of their official duties and displaying a COVID-19 Task Force-issued badge
 - o Any person lawfully employed during the Curfew Hours or is in direct route of going to or returning from their place of employment



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public roads, outside of the curfew hours will be subject to a fine of \$500;

o Third-time or more offense violators found in public, including individuals found driving on public roads, outside of the curfew hours will be subject to a fine of \$750 and/or the impound of his/her vehicle by the Department of Public Safety;

o Each passenger in a vehicle found driving on a public road outside of the curfew hours will be subject to the following fines:

- \$100 for a first-time offense;
- \$200 for a second-time offense;
- \$300 for a third-time or more offense.

GATHERINGS

Gatherings of no more than 25 people in a single room or single space are permitted.

CHURCHES

Church services must limit attendance to 75% of allowed occupancy and maintain social distancing and sanitation guidelines.

BUSINESSES

All businesses that have facilities open to the general public may be open to the public from **5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.**

All businesses shall limit occupancy to 75% in accordance with supplemental regulatory guidance set by the Department of Public Works (DPW) Building Code.



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patrons and are included in the 75% occupancy limit.

- Patrons are also required to wear face masks whether dining inside or outside.

Gas stations are permitted to open to the public between 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

All businesses engaged in gaming, including the casino, video poker establishments, and e-gaming facilities, remain closed to the public, except if authorized to operate under an approved reopening plan by the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

BUSINESS ENFORCEMENT

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, in coordination with and with the assistance of the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage & Tobacco Control Division, the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, and any other necessary Commonwealth agency, shall enforce business hours and social distancing requirements. Failure to follow will subject the violator to penalties available under the law or to the following:

- First-time offense violators will be subject to immediate closure of their business establishment for a period up to one month;
- Second-time offense violators will be subject to immediate closure of their business establishment for a period up to six months;
- Third-time or more offense violators will be subject to immediate closure of their business establishment for a period up to one year.

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o Transport vessels must be subject to constant and consistent disinfection. This section will be enforced by the Department of Public Lands (DPL).

SCHOOLS

All public and private schools in the Commonwealth are permitted to resume in-person instruction and activities, subject to the review and approval of operational plans and site assessments by the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, DPW, and CHCC.

All schools, both public and private, across the Commonwealth, are encouraged to facilitate alternative modes of education, such as distance learning through online means or a hybrid of both in-person and online learning.

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC continue to urge individuals to practice the Three W's: ***Wash your hands. Watch your distance. Wear a face covering.***

Individuals and businesses are encouraged to seek guidance regarding these protective measures. Please report any non-compliance of these directives to the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force at 237-8034, 8035, 8036, and 8037.

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