PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

February 1, 2021

The Department of Health's primary goal is to protect the health of American Samoa from any imminent health threats. We intend to keep the community well informed so that together we can protect and promote our people's health and wellbeing to keep American Samoa COVID-Free.

As we continue to gear up for the repatriation of returning residents from the US, the highest protection is to get both doses of COVID-19 vaccination, be prepared, stay vigilant and practice healthy habits in our community:

1. Wear a face cover or cloth mask over your mouth and nose whenever in public.
2. Stay 6 feet away from others.
3. Gather virtually or outdoors.
4. Make sure that indoor spaces are well ventilated.
5. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
6. Get the 2-dose COVID-19 Vaccine for all eligible groups
7. Continue to eat healthy, drink plenty of water and exercise at least 30 minutes each day.

REPATRIATION REMINDERS:
All 159 repatriation passengers tested negative 3 times for COVID-19. They will proceed to depart Honolulu for American Samoa as planned. Only authorized personnel will be allowed at the airport on the day of arrival, February 1. Upon arrival, passengers will be transported to the Tradewinds Hotel, to be in quarantine for 14 days. The general public are banned from entering the Tradewinds Hotel compound between 1 and 14 February, 2021. Repatriated residents will have NO physical contact with family and friends during the quarantine period. There will be NO pick-up of parcels from passengers nor allowed to drop off essential items, between February 1st – 2nd, pending COVID-19 test results.

DOH CLINICS: It is now mandatory to wear your own face covers or cloth masks before entering DOH facilities and clinics. You will not be allowed to receive your COVID-19 Vaccine if you are not wearing a mask. Please leave medical masks for our healthcare workers who need them most. Each individual in a household should have at least three cloth masks. Please wash your hands before you put them on and after you take them off. Wash them daily and hang to air dry.
**COVID-19 VACCINATIONS:** The Tafuna Community Health Center will provide **second doses only** of COVID-19 Vaccines, this week, February 1 – 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday between **8:00am to 4:00pm**. A kind reminder to check the appointment date of your second dose and return for your appointment on dates allocated in the table below. Please return to the same location you received your first dose. LBJ COVID-19 Vaccination for second doses will now be at the Nurses’ Villa in front of the mountain-side parking lot. Wearing masks is mandatory.

**COVID-19 SCHEDULE OF VACCINES**

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For any COVID-19 related information, please call **219, 6335871 or 633-5782**.
IMMUNIZATIONS: Well Child Clinics in Tafuna and Fagaalu, will remain open to provide ALL age-appropriate immunizations for children, including flu shots, to prevent childhood illnesses such as measles, whooping cough, meningitis, and pneumonia. Leone Clinics will open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for regular services.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES: The DOH-Behavioral Health Services, located at the Haleck's Professional Building, is open Monday to Friday, from 8 am - 4 pm, 633-5871/5872. Direct services include 1) psychiatric consultation, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment for those with severe mental illness, 2) Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation assessment and management.

Many people have lost their lives prematurely due to suicide, and this has affected our community deeply. Even one life lost is too many. We encourage parents, families, faith-based communities, school, and cultural leaders to show empathy and support for the vulnerable and at high risk. Call our behavioral health clinic to arrange community outreach services.

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed or hopeless and needs someone to talk to, please call the 220 DOH-Suicide Hotline. Help is available. You are loved and not alone. Talk to someone today.

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