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## **Judiciary of Guam issues latest Administrative Order No. ADM20-260**

June 3, 2020

(Hagatna, Guam) - The Judiciary of Guam has issued several administrative orders to protect the public health, the most recent of such orders being Administrative Order No. ADM20-239, which, among other things, extended the court closure for all but essential services until June 5, 2020, and included a provision for the reopening of the Northern Court Satellite in Dededo for a limited set of transactions; and Administrative Order No. ADM20-254, which included a provision for the reopening of the Guam Judicial Center in Hagåtña for a limited set of transactions beginning June 3, 2020.

The court recognizes that while social distancing measures imposed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* have resulted in a downward trend of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Guam, the ongoing threat to public health requires the continuation of measures to limit the transmission of COVID-19. At the same time, the court recognizes the need to expand its services to provide greater access to justice in non-essential matters, while keeping at the forefront the need to protect the health and safety of court employees, patrons, and the general public.

With these considerations in mind, the court issued on June 3, 2020, this Second Updated Order, Administrative Order No. ADM20-260, in the interest of the public health.

Effective from the date of this Second Updated Order, Administrative Order No. ADM20-260 shall repeal and replace Administrative Order No. ADM20-239.

To the extent Administrative Order No. ADM20-260 conflicts with any other existing administrative order of the court, Administrative Order No. ADM20-260 shall prevail.

**A copy of the complete Second Updated Order, Administrative Order No. ADM20-260, is provided for reference.**

**Relative to this Second Updated Order, Administrative Order No. ADM20-260, please be aware of the following reminders for our general public:**

- Beginning Wednesday, June 3, 2020, the Guam Judicial Center in Hagåtña will open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, for a limited set of transactions, namely:
  - Payment of traffic citations;
  - Payment of case-related obligations, including bail, restitution, and fines and fees; and



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- Requests for traffic and court clearances.
- The Northern Court Satellite in Dededo will continue to be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, for a limited set of transactions, namely:
  - Payment of traffic citations;
  - Payment of case-related obligations, including bail, restitution, and fines and fees; and
  - Requests for traffic and court clearances.
- Members of the public or media who would like to access court proceedings should contact the court's Public Information Officer, Kristina Blaz, by email at [kblaz@guamcourts.org](mailto:kblaz@guamcourts.org). To the extent logistically possible, the court shall provide public access by video or audio to court proceedings typically open to the public to maximize the public's ability to observe these proceedings.
- Individuals entering a Judiciary of Guam facility for any purpose shall wear face masks or other appropriate face coverings and adhere to social distancing guidelines, including maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet from other individuals in the courthouse except for those residing in the same household. Persons seeking entry shall also be subject to a non-contact temperature test and questioning related to COVID-19. Judiciary personnel will enforce these restrictions to protect the health and safety of court patrons and employees.
- The following persons shall not enter the Guam Judicial Center in Hagåtña, the Northern Court Satellite in Dededo, or any Judiciary of Guam facility, including, but not limited to, probation offices and the Judicial Education Center:
  - a. Persons diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and have yet to be released from isolation by a medical provider or the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS);
  - b. Persons with any acute respiratory illness symptoms (i.e., cough, shortness of breath, headaches) flu-like symptoms, fever, or sneezing;
  - c. Persons asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, board of health, or other medical provider or health agency, or who reside with anyone who has been asked to self-quarantine;
  - d. Persons who have been in a country with confirmed COVID-19 cases within the last thirty (30) days and do not possess a DPHSS-recognized and certified document that attests that they are not infected with COVID-19; and
  - e. Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has



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traveled to these countries in the last thirty (30) days.

- Anyone trying to enter in violation of this Second Updated Order will be denied entry by Judiciary marshals, probation officers, or other security personnel.
- If you are scheduled to appear in person and fall into any of the categories listed in a. through e. above regarding entering the Guam Judicial Center in Hagåtña, the Northern Court Satellite in Dededo, or any Judiciary of Guam facility, you should proceed as follows:
  - a. If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney.
  - b. If you have no attorney and are seeking emergency relief, please call the Clerk's Office of the court in which you are seeking relief.
  - c. If you are an attorney scheduled to appear before a judge, please contact that section or team directly by telephone.
  - d. If you are scheduled to meet with a probation officer, please contact the probation officer or applicable probation section directly by telephone.
  - e. If in doubt as to whom you should contact, please call the Clerk's Office of the court in which you are scheduled to appear.