


MEMORANDUM

TO: University of Guam Employees
FROM: Thomas W. Krise, President 
DATE: January 7, 2023
SUBJECT: **President's Directive 2022-07 (AMENDED): Government of Guam and UOG Public Health Emergency Protocols based on Governor's Message, dated Jan 6, 2023**

This directive reflects changes for the campus in the Fañomnåkan 2023 semester as we transition out of the public health emergency based on Governor's updated message as of Jan 6, 2023.

The Governor's updated message ended the Public Health Emergency, effective midnight on Jan 6, 2023. As such, and subject to any changes to this declaration and guidance from DPHSS, UOG implements the following, effective Jan 7, 2023:

- Rescinds the latest UOG Pandemic Plan and Procedures for Preparing and Operating Under PCOR2/3 / UPPOP 2/3 and President Directives 2021-02, 2021-03, 2021-04, 2022-01, 2022-02, 2022-03, 2022-04, 2022-05, and 2022-06.
- Transitions to pre-pandemic regular work hours and operations.
- Transitions to pre-pandemic gatherings and food safety protocols.
- Archives the UOG website for COVID-19.
- Deactivates requirements for reporting COVID-19 testing to the UOG Student Health Office.
- Deactivates the covidsafety@triton.uog.edu account.
- Follows transitioning protocols for vaccination, quarantine/isolation, and reporting from DHPSS.

Fañomnåkan 2023 will be the first full semester to transition back to normal operations.

Changes to COVID Safety Measures

- **Masks.** Although no longer required for COVID-19 purposes, and the wearing of masks is completely voluntary, wearing a mask is encouraged in crowded spaces. Some programs or locations may continue to require or encourage the wearing of masks based on pre-pandemic internal standard operating procedures for the use of personal protective equipment (e.g. labs, field work, practicums at locations in health environments, etc.).
- **Sanitization.** No longer required for COVID-19 purposes. However, units are encouraged to use sanitizing supplies procured for COVID-19 until supplies are depleted. Units/programs or locations who have pre-pandemic standard operating procedures for sanitizing on a regular or as needed basis will continue to follow their standard operating

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procedures or updated procedures. Units who don't have one and see the need to establish a standard operating procedure for safety protocol reasons are encouraged to do so. The discretion of approving such standard operating procedures reside with the respective deans/directors/supervisors, or as delegated by them within their organization.

- **Social Distancing.** No longer required for COVID-19 purposes, but often a good idea where possible. Spacing in classrooms, labs, offices, conference rooms, lobby areas, etc., remain at the discretion of the respective deans/directors/supervisors, as appropriate.
- **Signage.** No longer required for COVID-19 purposes or posting at special events. All units will remove COVID-19 signage and documents that are no longer relevant. Modified signage may be posted as part of the normal safety precautions for endemic purposes, like other respiratory illnesses (i.e. flu).
- **Leave.** Follow regular procedures for sick leave.
- **Remote Work and Flexible Work Schedules.** Faculty, Staff, and Administrators should return to campus for regular work hours and normal operations, unless prior approval has been granted by supervisor.