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ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 21-002

Updated Measures in Light of the Two Positive Cases of COVID-19

In light of the recent update from the Office of the President and the Ministry of Health and Human Services (“MHHS”) confirming two (2) positive cases of COVID-19 in Palau, the Judiciary would like to inform the Public that, consistent with the MHHS Public Service Announcement, the Court will remain open and normal court operations will continue as usual but measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain the safety of Court staff, users and visitors are being implemented.

Any person seeking entry to, or occupying any Court facility is required to wear a mask, sanitize, practice physical distancing and submit to a temperature check at the designated check points. Any person who is sick or deemed sick following the temperature check shall not be granted access to the Court facilities. In addition, all persons present at any Court facility must comply with the public health measures and recommendations as prescribed by the MHHS.

The Public is further advised that the Judiciary will only provide masks for one week, starting on Monday, August 23, 2021 until Friday, August 27, 2021, for users that do not have a mask. Beginning on Monday, August 30, 2021 the Judiciary will not provide masks and will not permit entry to any Court facility to anyone who does not have a mask. Sanitizers will be made available to Court users and visitors at the Court facilities.

The Marshal’s Division shall enforce this Directive and any violation of these requirements shall result in the denial of access to the Court facilities.

This Directive is made pursuant to my authority as the Acting Chief Justice and Administrative Head of the unified judicial system under Article X, Section 12 of the Palau Constitution. This Directive shall take effect immediately and shall remain operative until amended or vacated, as circumstances warrant. The prior COVID-19 Administrative Directives, including 21-001, remain in effect to the extent they are not incompatible with this Directive.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2021.

John K. Rechucher
Acting Chief Justice