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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

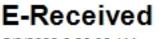
RE:)	Supreme Court of Guam
	RELATIVE TO RESCINDING)	Administrative Order No. ADM22-003
	COVID-19 MASK-WEARING)	
	REQUIREMENT IN JUDICIARY)	
	OF GUAM FACILITIES)	
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Since March 14, 2020, I Maga'hågan Guåhan has issued a series of executive orders to stem the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), mandating such measures as mask-wearing and sixfoot social distancing in congregate settings. In turn, the Supreme Court of Guam, under its jurisdiction to issue orders in aid of its supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court of Guam and all other courts of the judicial branch of Guam, has issued several administrative orders to protect the public health, including requiring the use of face masks and six-foot social distancing in all Judiciary of Guam facilities.

On March 29, 2022, I Maga'hågan Guåhan issued Executive Order No. 2022-09, which established metrics for the rescission of social gathering restrictions, social distancing requirements, and the gradual rescission of the mask mandate. Under the executive order, social gathering restrictions, social distancing requirements, and the mask mandate in outdoor settings were to be rescinded effective fourteen days after I Maga 'hågan Guåhan accepts the certification by the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) that the island has achieved a Low Level of Risk under CDC Community Levels metrics. Further, should the island maintain an acceptable risk level after the lifting of social gathering and social distancing restrictions, the mask mandate for indoor settings shall be rescinded fourteen days after the lifting of such restrictions.

On April 5, 2022, I Maga'hågan Guåhan accepted the DPHSS Director's certification that Guam had achieved a Low Level of Risk. Thus, social gathering restrictions, social

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distancing requirements, and the mask mandate in outdoor settings were rescinded effective April 19, 2022. The Supreme Court of Guam issued a corresponding administrative order, ADM22-002, lifting social gathering and social distancing requirements in Judiciary of Guam facilities, and the mask mandate in outdoor settings effective April 19, 2022. Per the provisions set forth in Executive Order No. 2022-09, the mask mandate in indoor public settings is set to be rescinded effective May 3, 2022.

With these considerations in mind, the court **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Effective May 3, 2022, the mask-wearing requirement in Judiciary of Guam facilities shall be rescinded. Individuals entering Judiciary of Guam facilities shall have the option of wearing a mask.

Notwithstanding the lifting of restrictions, individuals are encouraged to practice such measures based on their personal level of risk. Individuals who are not vaccinated, have not received a booster dose, are immunocompromised, or are at high risk for severe illness are at an increased risk of infection, hospitalization, and death as a result of COVID-19. The court encourages such individuals to get vaccinated or boosted immediately and to take other necessary precautions before engaging in activities in congregate settings in which mask use is compromised.

- 2. All prior administrative orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order or were previously rescinded.
 - 3. This Order will be revised as circumstances warrant.

SO ORDERED this 3rd day of May, 2022.

/s/ /s/ /s/

ROBERT J. TORRES KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Associate Justice Associate Justice

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F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Chief Justice