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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM**

**RE:** ) Supreme Court of Guam  
 ) Administrative Order No. ADM22-006  
**RELATIVE TO COVID-19 MASK-WEARING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS IN HEALTHCARE SETTING WITHIN 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 six-foot 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. Following a decrease of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the Supreme Court issued Administrative Order No. ADM22-002 on April 14, 2022, rescinding social distancing requirements in Judiciary facilities, and Administrative Order No. ADM22-003 on May 3, 2022, rescinding the mask-wearing requirement.

Due to a rise in COVID-19 cases, on August 8, 2022, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* issued Executive Order No. 2022-21, which implemented mask-wearing and social distancing requirements in healthcare settings. Also on August 8, 2022, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services issued DPHSS Guidance Memorandum 2022-12, which defines “healthcare setting” to mean “places where healthcare is delivered and includes, but is not limited to, acute care facilities, long-term acute-care facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, home healthcare, vehicles where healthcare is delivered (e.g., mobile clinics), and outpatient facilities, such as dialysis centers, physician offices, dental offices, and others.”

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

2 1. Effective August 18, 2022, mask-wearing and physical distancing shall be  
3 required in all Judiciary of Guam locations where mental healthcare and counseling  
4 services are provided, such as the Client Services and Family Counseling Division  
5 offices.

6 2. All prior administrative orders remain in full force and effect except to the  
7 extent they conflict with this Order or were previously rescinded.

8 3. This Order will be revised as circumstances warrant.

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10 **SO ORDERED** this 17th day of August, 2022.  
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12           /s/            
13 **ROBERT J. TORRES**  
14 **Associate Justice**

          /s/            
**KATHERINE A. MARAMAN**  
**Associate Justice**

15           /s/            
16 **F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO**  
17 **Chief Justice**  
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