SUMMARY OF COVID-19 SITUATION—Report # 15

National: On April 17th, 2020, the 21st Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) formally adopted Congressional Resolution 21-138. The Resolution strengthens the Nation’s focus in combatting the COVID-19 Pandemic. For most citizens, how this will affect your life in the short-term is that, within 30 days, the Nation will implement FSM-wide social distancing measures; in the medium-term, the travel restrictions have been extended to May 31st, 2020. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the FSM, with the given authority inherent in the Constitution, President Panuelo will take action as appropriate. The travel restrictions remain in place, with some specific exceptions.

“The travel restrictions, for most people and in most circumstances, don’t change,” the President continued. “What is going to impact your life from this Resolution is that I will be calling for a meeting with our Nation’s Governors, my very dear friends the Honorable Henry S. Falan, Governor of Yap, the Honorable Johnson S. Elimo, Governor of Chuuk, the Honorable Reed B. Oliver, Governor of Pohnpei, and the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of Kosrae, to discuss how our Nation will move forward, in a unified manner, regarding what social distancing and health precaution measures must be taken. This WILL result in temporary restraints on SOME civil liberties, such as the freedom of movement. The responsibility the Governors and I have is to find a temporary but potentially long-term solution that is respectful of your human rights as an individual while also being respectful of the reality that the COVID-19 coronavirus spreads when people come into contact with each other. While these limitations will be inconvenient, they will be necessary until such time that the COVID-19 Pandemic has been effectively contained.”

For more information on the specific travel exceptions visit the Office of the FSM President Facebook Page.

In FSM:
# of confirmed cases in Chuuk: 0
Pohnpei: 0
Kosrae: 0

Nth Pac. Region:
# of confirmed cases in Guam: 136
(CNMI: 14
(Palau: 0
RMI: 0

Globally as of 4/19/20: WHO Sit Rep
# of confirmed cases: 2,241,359
# of deaths: 152,551

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Radio: V6AI 1494 AM (Mon., Wed., Fri.) 8:45am in English. 9.45am and every hour after till 10.45pm in local languages; & 5pm News Bulletin. Also check out https://www.facebook.com/Waab-Community-Health-Center-554531107958008