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Coronavirus Outbreak - Additional Traveler Entry Restrictions Mandated. No Cases Suspected in Palau

February 5, 2020 – Today, in efforts to further minimize the risk of entry of the novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) to Palau, President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. signed Executive Order no. 435 amending Executive Order no. 433 to prohibit entry of all travelers with travel history originating from or transiting through mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau within 14 days of their arrival in the Republic of Palau.

Exemption may be made to this prohibition for Palauan citizens and residents, provided that such persons submit to a comprehensive health screening and agree to a 14-day self-quarantine upon arrival in Palau.

The executive order further mandates that, any person, including a crew member, a Palauan citizen, or a Palau resident, arriving into Palau at any point of entry is required to complete a health declaration form.

All resident workers of Palau are advised to carry their worker's permit and immigration entry permit while traveling.

The Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce continues to institute temporary flight suspensions from Hong Kong, Macau, and the People's Republic of China to the Republic of Palau from February 1 to February 29, 2020, and further informs the general public that travel between the Republic of Palau and Japan, the Republic of China-Taiwan, Korea, and Guam are NOT restricted by the Government of the Republic of Palau.