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DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

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JEANNE G. QUINATA
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

IN RE:

COURTHOUSE ENTRY PROTOCOL
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-0009

**TEMPORARY GENERAL ORDER
REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON
VISITORS TO THE COURTHOUSE**

In response to the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the President has declared a national public health emergency and the Governor of Guam has declared a public health emergency for Guam. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised the general public to take precautions necessary to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Court has weighed the right of the public to open access to the Court against the need to protect the safety of the public, including the health of all those entering and working in the Court. The Court therefore ORDERS, effective immediately, the following persons shall not be permitted to enter the District Court of Guam:

- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- Persons who, because of COVID-19, have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency; and
- Persons who exhibit signs of COVID-19 (fever and cough) or have had close contact with anyone who exhibits signs of COVID-19.

1 **ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER IN VIOLATION OF THESE PROTOCOLS WILL**
2 **BE DENIED ENTRY BY A COURT SECURITY OFFICER.**

3 If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at the
4 courthouse, and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you should
5 proceed as follows:

- 6 • If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- 7 • If you are an attorney or a pro se litigant and you are scheduled to appear in court
8 before a judge, please contact the Clerk's Office at (671) 969-4500;
- 9 • If you are a juror or prospective juror (including a grand juror), please contact the
10 Jury Administrator at (671) 969-4500/4521;
- 11 • If you are on supervised or pretrial release, please contact the U.S. Probation Office at
12 (671) 969-4600; and
- 13 • For all other matters or questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at (671) 969-
14 4500.

15 These restrictions apply to anyone entering the courthouse, including employees, and will
16 remain in place temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them.

17 **SO ORDERED** this 16th day of March, 2020.

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20 **FRANCES M. TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD**
21 Chief Judge
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