



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006- 11

RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF THE ISLAND IN THE EVENT OF A PANDEMIC AND TO THE CREATION OF A PANDEMIC PLANNING TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the global community is extremely concerned about the possibility of an influenza pandemic that could lead to high levels of illness, death, social disruption, and economic loss; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Homeland Security, the nation is working to ensure that every community prepares for the possibility of such a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, though it is difficult to predict when or how severe such a pandemic might be, a growing number of people around the world have died from the H5N1 virus since 2003, and experts feel it may be only a matter of time before this virus changes to allow rapid human to human transmission; and

WHEREAS, an extremely severe pandemic could lead to the closure of schools and businesses or the interruption of basic services such as utilities, but the effects of such a pandemic could be lessened with appropriate planning and preparation at all levels of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam recently hosted the Western Pacific Regional Pandemic Summit to discuss federal preparations for such a pandemic, as well as local and regional needs and possible resources to handle such an event; and

WHEREAS, effective planning for a pandemic requires substantial resources and close coordination between all segments of the community, including public sector, private sector and individual efforts; and

WHEREAS, planning and preparation for an influenza pandemic will be a valuable exercise to help the island of Guam manage not just an influenza outbreak, but any severe epidemic or emerging infectious disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, *I Maga' Låhen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

- 1. Lead Agency.** The Department of Public Health and Social Services, which has already completed its draft pandemic plan, shall coordinate pandemic planning efforts between different segments of the community.
- 2. Pandemic Plan Task Force.** A task force is hereby established to formulate a pandemic plan and work with all sectors of the community to ensure that any potentially affected entity takes the necessary steps to prepare for a pandemic. The task force shall be co-chaired by the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services and the governor's appointee to this task force.



The task force shall include the directors of the following government agencies, or their designees, provided that such designees are empowered to act on behalf of their respective agencies.

- a. Department of Public Health and Social Services
- b. Office of Homeland Security
- c. Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
- d. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- e. Department of Agriculture
- f. Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency
- g. Port Authority of Guam
- h. A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority
- i. Guam Visitors Bureau
- j. Consolidated Commission on Utilities
- k. Guam Police Department
- l. Guam Fire Department
- m. Guam Public School System
- n. Mayor's Council of Guam

The task force also shall invite representatives from the Guam Medical Society, the American Red Cross, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association, the Salvation Army, the Guam National Guard, and the Air Force and Navy commands, and other members as they may deem appropriate.

3. The task force shall address measures, including a community education campaign, that must be undertaken to protect public health in the event of a pandemic, and to ensure that our community is prepared in the face of such an event. The task force shall prepare a timeline to create Guam's plan and provide this information to the Governor no later than May 31, 2006.

The task force shall prepare a tabletop exercise to be held not later than July 31, 2006, to measure the progress of preparation efforts.

4. The Director of Public Health and Social Services shall continue to work closely with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the World Health Organization, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community to coordinate the establishment, implementation, or enforcement of all applicable plans, programs, rules, regulations, or other such measures in connection with pandemic preparations.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 11th day of May, 2006.

FELIX P. CAMACHO
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Governor of Guam