

AMENDMENT TO THE PERMANENT REGULATION IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-134

HEALTHY BORDER PROTECTION ACT

This Amendment of Regulation is issued by the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs to modify certain provisions and requirements of the implementing guidelines for the Healthy Border Protection Act pursuant to Public Law No. 22-134. It is promulgated according to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) and was posted for 30 days in public places for the purpose of soliciting public comment as required by the APA.

The purpose of the amendment is to remove the requirement of COVID-19 vaccine booster shot, although eligible persons are encouraged to take it.

Extra copies of the Amended Regulation can be obtained from the Department of Health & Social Affairs:

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This Amended Regulation shall take effect on October 10, 2022. This shall be deposited with the FSM Office of Registrar of Corporation as repository of national regulations.

Approved:

Date:

10/10/22



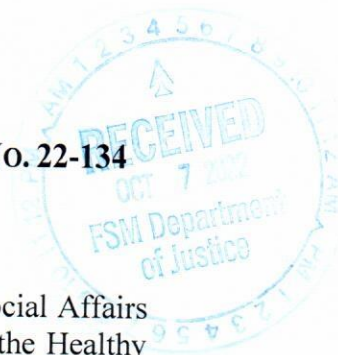
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Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Date: 10/07/22



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- I. **Amendment.** **Section V(a)(3)** of the Regulation is hereby amended (keeping the remaining text of Section V the same) by amending the existing paragraph (3) in order to remove the mandatory booster shot, which shall now read as follows:

V. Pre-Travel Requirements.

“(3) A person is considered “fully vaccinated” after receiving the 2nd dose of the mRNA vaccine or single dose of the J&J vaccine. Regarding boosters, the following guidelines shall apply:

- A. 1st booster shot with mRNA vaccine is due 5 months after receiving the 2nd dose of mRNA vaccine or 2 months after receiving a J&J vaccine.
- B. 2nd booster shot with mRNA is due 4 months after receiving a 1st booster shot.
- C. Any person 18 years old and above having met the scheduled timeline above is strongly encouraged (but not required) to take the booster especially with travelling.
- D. Regardless of the paragraphs above, no booster shot is required for the purpose of travel into or within FSM.”