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CHCC revises its screening rules for entering hospital

Effective immediately, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is revising its screening protocols for patients and visitors to the Commonwealth Health Center, as the CNMI remains in COVID-19 Community Level Medium.

Patient Screening

PCR (polymerase chain reaction) testing of all admissions is no longer required but may be requested by the attending physician prior to admission. PCR and/or antigen testing may be used by attending physicians for patients suspected of having COVID-19 as a reason for hospitalization, or for any already admitted patients who exhibit new respiratory symptoms related to COVID-19 while hospitalized.

For patients who will undergo surgical procedures in the operating room:

- Outpatient PCR/rapid antigen testing is not required for patients scheduled for elective procedure who are asymptomatic and have no known recent exposure to COVID-19.

- PCR/Rapid antigen testing is not required for all asymptomatic inpatients who are being seen for surgery or other procedures.

- PCR/Rapid antigen testing

is required for all patients scheduled for elective/emergency procedure who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms:

- Elective surgery patients who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for five days. Their procedure will be rescheduled.

- Emergency surgery patients who test positive for COVID-19 will be operated on.

- All other scenarios will be at the attending physician's discretion and/or clinical situation that calls for either PCR or rapid antigen testing.

- Outpatient PCR testing will not be required for normal deliveries. Rapid antigen testing may be used in place of PCR.

For patients who will be admitted to inpatient units from outpatient clinics:

- Patients suspected of having COVID-19 as a primary reason for admission may be tested using PCR and/or rapid antigen testing.

- Patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days are not required to be tested; proof of positive test result must be verified.

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Marianas Southern
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After several months of bated breath, the day has finally come—the CNMI’s newest commuter airline, Marianas Southern Airways is all set to see off its first flight to Tinian at around 9am today. This flight, Stewart said, is just the first of MSA’s series of inaugural flights.

On Monday, Stewart said, MSA will launch its first flight to Rota at around 8am, then on Thursday, the inaugural flight to Guam will take to the skies at around 11am.

“It’s kind of a phase progression because we are running on one aircraft right now. Flight schedules will pick up as we bring in more aircrafts,” he said.

Stewart explained that, as of yesterday, MSA only has one of its three Tecnam twin-engine aircraft and one spare plane, so their inaugural flights will have to be spread out throughout the next few

days.

MSA is expecting its second Tecnam plane to arrive on Monday, so regular flights should start around next week Saturday. As for the third Tecnam aircraft, Stewart said MSA expects it will arrive toward the end of the month.

Stewart, who calls the CNMI home, said he is very excited that after nearly two years, MSA is finally at the launching stage of its endeavor. He shared that the path was long and it started with a common goal to help develop the CNMI community.

“I really have no background whatsoever in aviation myself. My background is really construction, real estate development, and so that’s why we partnered with Southern Airways on this venture. Together, as we tried to come up with ways to help develop the economy here by creating other industries to create jobs, we found that without reliable and

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Photo shows Marianas Southern Airways' airplane, called "The Spirit of Saipan."

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affordable air transportation, it's really impossible for an island economy to grow, let alone thrive. So we looked at it from a business standpoint, trying to look at what we could do, and found that the need was to resolve the lack of affordable transportation,"

to have a huge impact," Stewart added.

Initially, Stewart said, he and his partners that make up MP Enterprise were working on Marianas Pacific Airlines, which is a larger international airline to connect the islands to Australia, the Philippines, Korea, and Japan. However, due to COVID-19 and the abrupt suspension of

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he said.

"We're extremely excited about what's going on. However, our goal isn't to just come in and just build an airline here. Our goal is to figure out how do we help this economy thrive. So our plan is not to just go through and stop here. We're planning on still purchasing probably three or four more of the Tecnam aircraft, based on the demand, and continue to build up the interisland service. It's going

interisland travel last December, the team decided to focus on the immediate problem—connecting the Marianas through air transportation.

"So as we were working through that during COVID, we kept looking and trying to figure out when's the right time to move forward. When [the COVID variant] omicron was going on, the need to resolve interisland travel was [prominent]. It wasn't what we were plan-

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ning on doing, but we saw that the need was definitely there when interisland service was stopped between islands. That's what started us on the journey," Stewart said. "So we started making some phone calls, and reached out to Southern Airways CEO Stan Little, and in January they flew down and we started meeting and just started putting together what we thought were immediate needs."

Although interisland travel resumed shortly after, Stewart said that, from an emergency standpoint, the team saw the immediate need for another interisland travel provider, which is why their focus has since been launching its interisland service.

Stewart said that once the interisland service has officially launched and has become sustainable, MP Enterprise will revert its focus back to the international side.

"While the interisland travel is going to be transformative for our islands, bringing the international service in will be completely transformative for the economy," he said.



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Marianas Southern Airways president Keith Stewart at the MSA office.



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New airline brings a host of benefits for the CNMI

» 'Our success will be the community's success'

Following the successful launch of Marianas Southern Airways services connecting the Northern Mariana Islands, the airline's president, Keith Stewart, has spoken about the benefits the fledgling carrier will bring to the CNMI.

"We commenced operations today with three new twin engine Tecnam aircraft that bring state-of-the-art safety and reliability to CNMI travel," said Stewart. "These aircraft are new off the production line and offer

trade, investment, tourism, and travel—not to mention critically important health care accessibility for people living in rural communities, according to Stewart.

Bill Giles, MSA's vice president CNMI/Guam, said that "having a comprehensive route network is essential to the long-term success of the airline." The initial offering will include over 90 weekly flights serving Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam. "Importantly, within the next three

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individual air-conditioning controls, a cup holder and a USB charge port at each seat, according to Stewart. "We plan to add another three or four Tecnam's to the fleet over the next year, which will provide the opportunity to offer direct flights between Rota and Guam and Tinian and Guam, as well as adding more frequency to our schedules" he added.

Stewart said that reliable air transportation is vital for the CNMI economy. It provides the city-pair connections that serve as virtual bridges between the islands to support a healthy flow of key economic activities. Air service facilitates links between businesses, governments, and people, enabling

months the airline plans to offer same-day connectivity to Saipan with United's Honolulu-Guam flight, thereby avoiding an unnecessary overnight stay in Guam and, through joint venture partner Southern Airways interline agreement with United Airlines, the ability to make a seamless reservation from Tinian, Rota, or Saipan to anywhere in the United network," said Giles.

Stewart added that the airline is also exploring the reopening of services to Pagan to enable the development of the unique tourism opportunities afforded by that island. As the world recovers from the COVID pandemic, he is adamant that it is critically important

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Graphical illustration shows the aircraft color scheme for Marianas Southern Airways.

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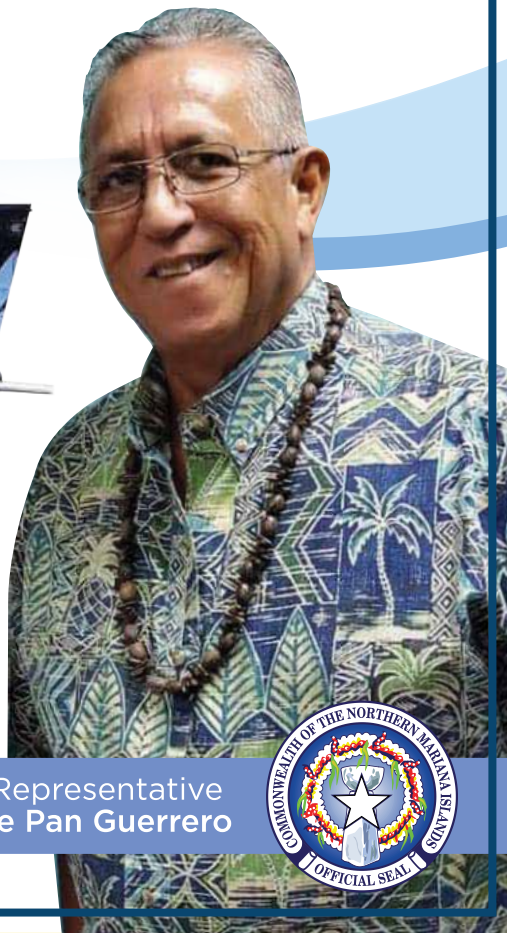


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to ensure that the CNMI has a reliable, reputable, and efficient airline operating between the islands and that each island has the air connectivity they need to support tourism.

Giles is proud to state that the new airline has been able to offer employment to over 20 people on

Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, and that the pending construction of a state-of-the-art hangar facility at the Saipan airport will provide a much-needed local aircraft maintenance facility and offer further employment opportunities. "We are invested in the CNMI for the long term" said Giles, "and our success will be the community's success." **(PR)**

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From left, Ian Vanderbeek, vice president for Corporate Services; Keith Sisson, chief of staff of Southern Airways Express; Keith Stewart, president Marianas Southern Airways; and Bill Giles, vice president, Marianas Southern Airways-CNMI and Guam. Photos show the launch party that MSA hosted last night.

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I join in our community's excitement for the upcoming launch of Marianas Southern Airways' flight services between Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

Through this partnership, we are able to connect the Marianas closer together, improve the quality of life for our residents through increased seating and cargo capacity, and reduce stress and costs for everyone who travels within and into the Marianas.

We look forward to the success of

Marianas Southern Airways!
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