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Executive Order 236-National Avian/Pandemic Influenza/Emerging/Re-Emerging Diseases Advisory & Coordination Team & Minister of Health
Koror, Palau 96940

Pandemic H1N1 Scale Down

Based on reports from the Bureau of Public Health Services,

- The Office of Epidemiology finds that;
 - Last positive H1N1 case was detected in November 2009
 - No positive H1N1 detected since November 2009
 - Surveillance indicates low and/or no activities of flu like symptoms
 - No positive test results on Influenza A and B
- The Emergency Health Program finds that;
 - H1N1 Mass Vaccination population coverage of 39% (required 10%)
 - 40% vaccination coverage across population targets
 - 2nd dose of 0 to 9years at 27% rate
 - Campaign is ongoing until June, 2010

With these findings and understanding that the global Pandemic is still a threat to the Republic, the Ministry of Health and the Palau National Avian/Pandemic Influenza/Emerging/Re-Emerging Diseases Advisory & Coordination Team (Multi-Agency Taskforce) are recommending the following to scale down the H1N1 Pandemic Operations:

- That all border control agencies continue routine operations but maintains vigilance at all points of entry
- That the Belau National Hospital resume routine operations to serve the public
- That the Bureau of Public Health continues its surveillance on the H1N1 and flu like symptoms
- That the Bureau of Public Health continues to maintain preparedness and readiness until global pandemic is scaled down
- That the Bureau of Public Health continues H1N1 Mass Vaccination Campaign until vaccines and/or funding are depleted
- That the Bureau of Public Health continues to retain and use the Alternative Care Site (ACS) Old OEK-HOD building to establish a Wellness Center to serve the community.

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