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Cumulative COVID-19 Test Results: 40 New Cases Reported October 4 - 7, Two Hospitalized; Additional COVID-19 Updates

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Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported **40** new cases of COVID-19 from **1,279** specimens analyzed from tests administered October 3 – 6, 2022:

- October 7: **10** of **321** test positive for COVID-19
- October 6: **10** of **223** test positive for COVID-19
- October 5: **11** of **411** test positive for COVID-19
- October 4: **9** of **324** test positive for COVID-19

Nine (9) of the cases reported today are through the Department of Defense. To date, there have been a total of **58,631** officially reported cases, **401** deaths, **142** cases in active isolation, and **58,088** not in active isolation.

Two Hospitalized for COVID-19

CENSUS as of 4 p.m.	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	0	2	0	**2**
Pediatric Admissions	0	-	-	**0**
ICU	0	0	0	**0**
Ventilator	0	0	0	**0**

Bivalent Boosters Available at DPHSS Vaccination Clinics

On September 2, 2022, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended the use of new bivalent formulations of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccines as a booster dose.

A single booster dose of bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (for individuals age 12 years and older) or bivalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (for individuals age 18 years and older) may be given at least 2 months after completion of a monovalent primary series or any prior monovalent booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine. This new booster recommendation replaces all prior booster recommendations only for people 12 years and older. At this time, there is no change to the monovalent vaccine schedules for children age 6 months through 11 years. Children age 5 through 11 years who have received a Pfizer-BioNTech primary series should continue to receive one monovalent booster dose.

- People must first complete at least a primary series with the original monovalent vaccine before receiving a single bivalent booster at least 2 months later.
- People may receive either brand of bivalent vaccine that is age-appropriate; there is no preference and no need to match the brand of the primary series.
- This recommendation is for a one-time booster. ACIP does not anticipate recommendations for frequent (e.g., every few months) booster doses of bivalent vaccine.

- COVID-19 vaccines may be co-administered with all other routinely recommended vaccines, including influenza vaccine.

The updated boosters are available at the DPHSS vaccination clinics at NRCHC, SRCHC, and our extended outreach vaccination events.

Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine Available at Northern Region Community Health Center
On August 9, DPHSS received 100 doses of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an Emergency Use Authorization for the Novavax vaccine on July 13. According to the CDC, the Novavax vaccine is a two-dose adjuvanted vaccine that is administered intramuscularly in deltoid muscle in adults 18 years of age or older. The Novavax vaccine is a two-dose primary series with three to eight weeks between dose one and dose two. Currently, the Novavax vaccine is not authorized for any booster dose. Additionally, individuals who complete their primary series with two doses of Novavax vaccine are not eligible for a booster dose at this time. The Novavax vaccine will be available at the DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center in Dededo.

DPHSS mAb Treatment Center Open at Paseo Stadium
Bebtelovimab, a monoclonal antibody (mAb) for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kilograms) is available at the DPHSS mAb treatment center at the Paseo Stadium in Hagåtña from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closes for lunch from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

To schedule treatment at the DPHSS mAb treatment center, patients must call 671-998-4527 or 671-998-4547, have a current, laboratory confirmed COVID–19 infection and a referral from a prescribing physician. For more information about Bebtelovimab and other mAb treatment options on Guam, visit dphss.guam.gov/mab or dial 311 from a local number and select option 1 on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING

Fill out a COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form ahead of time: dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing.
Drive-through sites may close during lightning and inclement weather. Please visit our indoor test sites in Tumon.

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.	**Old Carnival Grounds, Tiyan, Barrigada** **NO SYMPTOMS NEEDED TO TEST FOR COVID-19** **Four adults per vehicle.** Bring a photo ID.Travel-related testing will not be offered.
Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC), Inalåhan** By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing not offered. Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518.
Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. by appointment	**DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC), Dededo** By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Call (671) 635-7525/6 to schedule an appointment.
Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	**Plaza Shopping Center - Dusit Beach Resort Guam, Tumon** Bring a photo ID.

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

MONOVALENT & BIVALENT BOOSTERS AVAILABLE - Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, Novavax*

Monday - Thursday BY APPOINTMENT ONLY **Saturday:** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC), Dededo** To schedule an appointment for COVID-19 vaccination at NRCHC, residents must call 671-635-7400 or 671-635-4410. On Saturdays, last vaccine will be administered 30 minutes before closing. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Bring a photo ID. *Novavax COVD-19 vaccine available only at NRCHC.
Monday - Friday BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	**DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC), Inalåhan** Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518 to schedule an appointment. Bring a photo ID.
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m	**Plaza Shopping Center - Dusit Beach Resort Guam, Tumon** Bring a photo ID. Last vaccine will be administered 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome.

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children 6 Months and Older Available at DPHSS CHCs
The Moderna and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccines are authorized for use in children from six months of age and older. In most children, the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children ages six months through five years will be a two-dose primary series with four to eight weeks between dose one and dose two. In most children, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children ages six months through four years will be a three-dose primary series three to eight weeks between dose one and dose two, and at least eight weeks between dose two and dose three. Requirements for minors to receive the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine at DPHSS vaccination clinics and outreach events:

- Parent/legal guardian must provide minor's birth certificate
- Parent/legal guardian must have a government-issued photo identification
- Minor must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
- Guardians must present legal guardianship or power-of-attorney documents

Incentives Offered for COVID-19 Vaccination Series Completion and Boosters
A program administered by the government of Guam is providing incentives to individuals 12 years of age and older who maintain their COVID-19 vaccinations who are completing their last dose in primary series; OR receiving Monovalent Booster OR Bivalent Booster. Eligible residents will be offered an incentive (alcohol and tobacco items excluded) *while supplies last*. **Gift certificates will only be offered at vaccination clinics at NRCHC, SRCHC, and senior citizen outreach clinics**, ***while supplies last.***

Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update
As of September 21, 2022, **140,108** eligible residents (6 months and older) are fully vaccinated. This total includes **14,055** residents 12 – 17 years old. **9,077** residents 5 – 11 years old received their first dose of a two dose series. **7,447** residents 5 – 11 years old have completed their two-dose series. **249** residents 6 months – 4 years old have received their first dose of a two dose series. **70,667** eligible residents have received their first booster shots. **12,706** eligible residents have received their second booster shots.

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