



Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 21
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Stay off the Roads; Emergency Shelter Update; Utilities Update

Stay indoors until COR 4 is declared, now that Guam is in the threshold of damaging winds of 39 mph or greater. Winds are expected to intensify to typhoon force winds by midday, with the strongest winds of 145 mph sustained winds, with gusts up to 150-170 mph expected through the afternoon.

Emergency Shelter Update:

Residents whose homes are not made to withstand heavy winds or rains, or those that live in low-lying, flood-prone areas are advised to move to a designated emergency shelter **immediately**. The window to mobilize has closed for some areas and is rapidly closing for other locations. Make assessments on the safest decision for you and your family. Emergency Shelter Numbers as of 8 a.m. Wednesday:

AsTumbo Elementary School shelter is closed due to max capacity. Residents in the area are advised to seek shelter in an alternate location.

Emergency Shelter	Current Occupancy	Max Capacity	% Capacity
AsTumbo Elementary	183	287	64%
Machananao Elementary School	238	334	71%
Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School	108	349	31%
Upi Elementary School	44	506	9%
Wettengel Elementary School	45	378	12%
B.P. Carbullido Elementary	30	242	12%
George Washington High School	69	450	15%
Harry S. Truman Elementary	13	422	3%
Inaláhan Middle School	33	352	9%
Merizo Martyrs Memorial School	64	307	21%
Talo'fo'fo Elementary School	49	311	16%
Total	876	3,938	22%

GPA Update:

As of 4:45 am today, Guam Power Authority (GPA) crews were secured and stood down for their safety as high winds have made it unsafe to continue making repairs around the island. Mobilization, assessments and repairs to the system will resume once conditions improve and return to a safe level. This will begin the recovery phase of the island-wide power system around Guam.

GPA advises that power outages and fluctuations are expected during the storm. GPA does not intend to shut down the island-wide power system. The island-wide power system runs automatically and power cuts out when damage has occurred to a customer's circuit. This occurs for the safety of GPA's customers and their homes and businesses.

The system will be energized as long as power circuits remain intact. GPA is working hard to achieve having some part of the system continue to operate throughout the storm because it will make post-typhoon recovery faster.

As the storm progresses closer to Guam, more power outages will occur. If your power circuits go down, GPA will work on energizing it immediately within a few minutes. If your power doesn't come back in a few minutes it is most likely that the circuit is damaged and GPA will have to wait until the typhoon passes before they can make repairs. The GPA team is prepared to immediately begin restoration as soon as winds decrease to safe levels.

For any outages, customers can contact the GPA 24-hour dispatch line at (671) 475-1472/3/4. Customer service representatives are also manning GPA's facebook page at www.facebook.com/GuamPowerAuthority.

GWA Update:

The Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) is asking that customers in the southern region of the island from Ipan to Humatak conserve water due to high turbidity in the Ugum river. For information, contact GWA's 24/7 phone line at (671)646-4211 or go to www.facebook.com/guamwaterworksauthority.

Local Radio Stations Providing Updates:

The Joint Information Center will continue to use all means of communication available throughout the duration of the storm. Tune to the following local radio stations for the latest updates:

- 95.5 FM KStereO
- 93.3 FM The Point
- 93.9 FM The Breeze
- 88.1 FM KHMG
- 97.5 FM Power 98

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>
- JRM Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jrmguam>

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) Suicide & Crisis Lifeline remains operational 24/7. The community may call or text the hotline at 988, or chat online at 988lifeline.org.

For more information, contact the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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