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**Joint Information Center - JIC Recovery Release No. 2**  
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### **Shelter Operations Transition to Tier II**

As Guam continues its recovery efforts following Super Typhoon Sinlaku, the Government of Guam is transitioning emergency shelter operations from Tier I, Guam Department of Education (GDOE) shelters, to Tier II. This transition allows GDOE to begin the necessary cleaning, assessment, and sanitization of school campuses in preparation for the eventual return of students and faculty.

At 1 p.m., today, April 17, 2026, 255 remaining residents currently housed within the GDOE shelters are being offered the opportunity to transition to the Yigo Gymnasium, the designated Tier II shelter. This number is subject to change as assessments are conducted following the transition. The Tier II shelter operations will be managed by the American Red Cross (ARC) in close coordination with Yigo Mayor Frances Lizama and the Yigo Mayor's Office, the Government of Guam, and supporting agencies. The American Red Cross stands committed with affected communities and is prepared to shelter these residents. The American Red Cross is committed to helping those impacted by the disaster.

**Access to the Tier II shelter is available to individuals who initially sought safety in Tier I GDOE shelters during Super Typhoon Sinlaku and anyone impacted by the disaster.**

#### **Transition Process**

Transportation will be provided by the Guam Department of Public Works to the Yigo Gym. Personnel from the American Red Cross, Yigo Mayor's Office and supporting agencies will be on standby to receive residents and assist with the intake process.

#### **Shelter Rules and Guidelines**

To ensure a safe and orderly environment for all residents, the following Tier II shelter rules remain in effect:

- Red Cross disaster assistance is free.
- Tier II shelter operations will be prioritized to individuals who initially sought safety in Tier I GDOE shelters during Super Typhoon Sinlaku.
- The Red Cross does not require people to show any kind of identification to enter a shelter — just their name and where they were living before the disaster.
- Essential Supplies: Residents are encouraged to bring their remaining 7-day supply of food, water, and prescriptions. Bedding, toiletries, and personal hygiene products should also be moved with you.
- Prohibited Items: Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and weapons are strictly prohibited.
- Supervision: Parents must maintain responsibility and constant supervision of their children.
- Smoking is not permitted inside the facility or within 25 feet of the front door.

Those impacted by the disaster and not staying at the shelter can call the Red Cross Guam Chapter at 671-472-6217 for additional information and resources.

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