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COVID-19 test results are reported from multiple labs at varying times of the day. The Joint Information Center will report cumulative COVID-19 test results once a day, unless unavailable.

For information on COVID-19 cases, visit the COVID-19 Dashboard and Situation Report at <http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/>. The COVID-19 Dashboard is updated on business days.

Two Additional GDOE Employees Test Positive for COVID-19

On Wednesday, September 2, 2020, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) confirmed that two additional employees tested positive for COVID-19. One case was identified at both Merizo Martyrs Memorial School and M.U. Lujan Elementary School. Both cases were identified through contact tracing.

The GDOE is working closely with the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) to conduct contact tracing and close contacts of the confirmed cases will be contacted directly by DPHSS.

Areas of both campuses have been identified for cleaning and disinfecting. GDOE employees will not have access to these areas until cleaning has been completed.

Two GFD Firefighters Test Positive For COVID-19

On Sunday, a Guam Fire Department (GFD) firefighter began feeling ill, with an elevated temperature, while on duty at the Tamuning Fire Station. The member was secured from duty and instructed to isolate at home. The following day, the individual was tested, and because the results came back positive for COVID-19, mandatory home isolation, as per DPHSS guidelines, was ordered.

On Monday, another member of GFD stated they had been feeling ill. Following the GFD wellness policy, the member informed the station Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of their symptoms. The firefighter, assigned to the Dededo Fire Station, was instructed to follow guidance from DPHSS and self-quarantine until being tested for COVID-19 yesterday afternoon. GFD received the positive test results from the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) and the member was ordered to continue home isolation procedures.

Interviews were conducted at both stations and it was determined that no personnel met the close contact criteria at the Tamuning Fire Station; however, because of the closer quarters and additional Rescue personnel at the Dededo Fire Station, the possibility of close contact spread was significantly increased.

After decontamination of the entire station and apparatuses was conducted at both locations, personnel were also reminded to continue strict adherence to the safety directives and to continue social distancing both on and off duty.

Saturday, Sept. 5 Community Testing for Registered Participants Only

DPHSS, in collaboration with the Government of Guam and the Mayors' Council of Guam, is providing COVID-19 testing to the first 200 people who have registered with the Talofofo Mayor's Office. Testing is scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Talofofo Gym. **Registration for this event is now closed. All others who have not registered will be turned away.**

For the safety of the community and the nurses, only four (4) people are allowed to be tested per vehicle. Testing is free and open to the first 200 people that have already pre-registered. No symptoms are needed to qualify for testing. Individuals who have registered are asked to bring an ID, if one is available.

Pre-registration will be required for the COVID-19 Drive-Through and Walk-In Testing in Umatac on Saturday, September 19, 2020. While pre-registration is currently not open, further details will be provided once available.

To receive individual COVID-19 test results, send a request to covidresults@dphss.guam.gov. Further instructions will be provided via email to patients before COVID-19 test results are sent.

Those who were unable to register for Saturday's testing and are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, are advised to call their health care provider. If a patient does not have a regular health care provider, they can call the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) at (671) 635-7525/6 to schedule an appointment. The NRCHC COVID-19 testing is available **by appointment only**.

Those experiencing symptoms can also call the DPHSS Medical Triage Hotline phone numbers listed below to report symptoms and obtain guidance from clinicians, or call 311 and dial option number 1.

- (671) 480-7859/83
- (671) 480-6760/63
- (671) 687-7321
- (671) 685-0358
- (671) 687-6170 (ADA Dedicated Number)

The DPHSS Medical Triage Hotline is available from Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Missed calls or calls going to voicemail will be returned.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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