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Two COVID-19 Related Fatalities Reported

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's seventeenth and eighteenth COVID-19 related fatalities occurred at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) and the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH), respectively.

At approximately 8:46 a.m., a 31-year-old female was pronounced dead on arrival at the GRMC. She was a known COVID-19 case and had underlying health issues. She is Guam's youngest COVID-19 related death to date.

At approximately 10:09 a.m., the second patient, a 65-year-old male passed away. He had comorbidities and was admitted to GMH on September 3 after testing positive for COVID-19.

"This morning I was informed of our 17th and 18th COVID-related deaths. It is never easy losing a member of our community to this virus, and my heart breaks every time I receive these calls. Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I send their family and friends our condolences and deepest sympathies," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "We cannot afford to lose anymore people in this pandemic. Please do what you need to do to protect yourselves and your loved ones."

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.

The Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL) is closed today in observance of Labor Day. The GPHL will reopen on Tuesday. Physicians are reminded to follow storage requirements by ensuring specimens are refrigerated at 2-8°C.

To date, there have been a total of **1,671** confirmed cases of COVID-19, **18** deaths, **744** not in isolation, and **912** cases in active isolation. Of those cases, **1,386** are classified as civilians and **233** are military service members.

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.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. 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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