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# Forty-seventh COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported; Cumulative Results: 53 Test Positive for COVID-19; Profiles of Confirmed Cases; Governor Signs Executive Order 2020-35

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 <a href="http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19">http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19</a>/. The COVID-19 Dashboard is updated on business days.

#### Forty-seventh COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's forty-seventh COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) at approximately 2:35 p.m. The patient was a 61-year-old female. She was admitted to GRMC today and was a known positive case.

"Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I express our deepest condolences. Though this loss can feel immeasurable, I hope that you find comfort and peace from those around you," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "It is difficult to face so much death in so few weeks. As an island, we mourn with these families. We share in their grief. And we will do what is necessary to ensure these 47 individuals did not pass in vain."

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

#### **Cumulative Results**

To date, there have been a total of **2,443** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **47** deaths, **585** cases in active isolation and **1,811** not in active isolation. Of those cases, **2,172** are classified as civilians and **271** are military service members.

Fifty-three (53) new cases of COVID-19 were reported to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). Of the 53 newly reported cases, eight cases were identified through contact tracing.

The following breakdown provides cumulative COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Tuesday, September 29 and reflects results from Monday, September 28:

Laboratory	New Cases Reported on Tuesday, September 29	Samples Tested on Monday, September 28	Total Negative Tests (March 12 - September 29)	Total Confirmed Cases (March 12 - September 29, 2020)
Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL)	23	219	25,094	1,162
Department of Defense (DoD)	5	123	6,763	463
Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS)	12	57	6,793	402
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) Laboratory	3	36	4,852	198
Guam National Guard (GUNG) Laboratory	0	0	17	0
Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) Laboratory	1	29	2,682	123
Private Clinics	9	52	1,083	93
Other Laboratories	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
AS OF 9 PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020	Total Confirmed: 53	Total Samples Tested: 516	Total Negative Tests: 47,284	Total COVID-19 Cases: 2,443

### **Profiles of Confirmed Cases**

STATUS	MEDICAL STATUS	GENDER	RESIDENTIAL LOCATION	TRAVEL HISTORY <sup>2</sup>	AGE GROUP
Civilian: 2,172 Military: 271	Stable: 559 Hospitalized¹: GMH: 26 ICU: 9 GRMC: 0 ICU: 0 Naval Hospital: 0  Released: 1,811 Deaths: 47	Female: 1,120 Male: 1,323	North: 1,299 Central: 671 South: 353 Homeless: 04 Non-resident: 64	Dubai: 02 Japan: 01 Philippines: 22 Singapore: 01 U.S.: 121 Mexico: 01  Identified in Quarantine <sup>3</sup> : 118	90+: 06 80-89: 28 70-79: 74 60-69: 200 50-59: 360 40-49: 365 30-39: 485 20-29: 579 10-19: 221 0-9: 125

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Hospitalization rate is based on intake numbers reported to the JIC. This number may be subject to change.

## Governor Signs Executive Order No. 2020-35

Today, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order (EO) No. 2020-35, relative to extending the public health emergency and providing financial assistance to medical and health providers and families of COVID-19 fatalities.

EO 2020-35 extends the public health emergency originally set to expire on September 30 to October 30, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Some cases traveled to more than one country

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Includes home/self-quarantine and quarantine in a Government of Guam facility

EO 2020-35 also creates the Healthcare System Stabilization Grant Program and the COVID-19 Bereavement Assistance Fund. Through the Guam Economic Development Authority, the Healthcare System Stabilization Grant Program provides aid for Tier 1 and Tier 2 clinics and for other qualified medical and mental health providers. The program will end December 31, 2020.

The COVID-19 Bereavement Assistance Fund was created to assist the families of individuals who have died due to COVID-19 or COVID-19 related complications by providing one-time grants of \$10,000.00 per decedent. This relief shall be distributed in accordance with program requirements, which shall include the following requirements:

- a. Identifies Guam residents who have died due to COVID-19 or COVID-19 related complications, as determined by the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.
- b. Ensures that a proper recipient of the grant is identified, pursuant to program guidelines.
- c. Provides a system of reporting, including auditable certification to ensure accountability.

These financial programs are currently still in development and more information will be announced at a later date.

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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