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**77th COVID-19 Fatality Reported; Cumulative Results: 48 Test Positive for COVID-19;
Profiles of Confirmed Cases; GFD Firefighter Tests Positive For COVID-19**

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

77th COVID-19 Fatality Reported

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's 77th COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) at approximately 3:23 a.m. The patient was an 82-year-old female with underlying conditions and expired at home in hospice care. She was a known COVID-19 case and was previously admitted to GMH.

"Our island continues to mourn as we lose another soul to COVID-19. Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I send her family and friends our sincerest condolences and sympathies," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "We cannot let our resolve falter. We cannot let our guard down. And we cannot let ourselves be defeated by this virus. This fight has gone on far longer than any of us imagined, but with our actions, we will be able to see the light through the darkness."

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 **4,466** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **77** deaths, **1,772** cases in active isolation and **2,618** not in active isolation.

Of the 48 new cases, 5 were identified through contact tracing.

As of October 28, there have been 77 COVID-19-related fatalities. Though two confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported deceased by the Joint Information Center today, one of these fatalities will not be officially included in the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) COVID-19 Situation Report until tomorrow, October 29.

The following breakdown provides cumulative COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Wednesday, October 28 and reflects results from Tuesday, October 27:

Laboratory	New Cases Reported on Wednesday, October 28	Samples Tested on Tuesday, October 27	Total Negative Tests (March 12 - October 27)	Total Reported Cases (March 12 - October 28, 2020)
Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL)	26	333	32,298	2,319
Department of Defense (DoD)	2	34	7,822	537
Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS)	8	79	8,521	706
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) Laboratory	1	36	5,700	326
Guam National Guard (GUNG) Laboratory	0	0	17	0
Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) Laboratory	1	69	3,994	238
Private Clinics	10	68	2,573	304
Other Laboratories	0	0	N/A	2
Probable Case	0	0	273	34
AS OF 7:15 PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020	Total Confirmed: 48	Total Samples Tested: 619	Total Negative Tests: 61,198	Total COVID-19 Cases: 4,466

Profiles of Confirmed Cases

MEDICAL STATUS	GENDER	RESIDENCE	TRAVEL HISTORY ²	AGE GROUP	EPI LINK TO COVID-19 CASE ⁴
Stable: 1,685 Hospitalized ¹ : GMH: 83 ICU: 12 Ventilator: 5 GRMC: 1 ICU: 1 Ventilator: 1 USNH: 2 ICU: 0 Released: 2,618 Deaths: 77	Female: 2,094 Male: 2,372	North: 2,434 Central: 1,205 South: 555 Homeless: 04 Non-resident: 64	U.S.: 156 Dubai: 02 Japan: 01 Mexico: 01 Philippines: 28 Singapore: 01 Identified in Quarantine ³ : 157	90+: 10 80-89: 36 70-79: 130 60-69: 372 50-59: 628 40-49: 657 30-39: 829 20-29: 1,038 10-19: 481 0-9: 285	Household: 1,247 Community: 788 Workplace: 394 Healthcare: 66

¹Hospitalization rate is based on intake numbers reported to the JIC. This number may be subject to change.

²Some cases traveled to more than one country

³Includes home/self-quarantine and quarantine in a Government of Guam facility

⁴Some cases have more than one link to other COVID-19 cases.

GFD Firefighter Tests Positive For COVID-19

On October 27, the Guam Fire Department (GFD) was notified that a firefighter assigned to the Astumbo Fire Station tested positive for COVID-19. The firefighter reported feeling ill prior to reporting for duty and isolated at home as required by the GFD wellness policy and guidance from the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). The firefighter remains in home isolation

Cohort quarantining is in effect at the Astumbo Fire Station pending results for remaining personnel. Cohort quarantining is a DPHSS approved practice of grouping asymptomatic personnel who were exposed to a confirmed COVID positive case. Emergency operations continue with adjustments made in scheduling for the firefighters assigned.

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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