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**79th COVID-19 Fatality Reported; Blu-Med Tent Assembled to Increase GMH Bed Capacity; Cumulative Results: 79 Test Positive for COVID-19; Profiles of Confirmed Cases; 12 GDOE Employees Test 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/>.

**79th COVID-19 Fatality Reported**

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's 79th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) at approximately 12:38 p.m. The patient was a 63-year-old male with underlying conditions that were further compounded COVID-19. He was admitted to GMH on October 24 after testing positive at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC).

"To those who loved him, please accept our deepest condolences and sympathies. You do not bear this burden alone—you are joined in grief by this island," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "Just as the Thessalonians, I do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death because of this virus. Days of mourning are not set in stone—we have the ability to prevent them. Do what you must, and we will see the end to these difficult times."

**Blu-Med Tent Assembled to Increase GMH Bed Capacity**

The Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) has increased bed capacity with one Blu-Med Tent and ten Fast Beds to address the increase in hospitalizations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, the first of the Blu-Med Tents was assembled outside the GMH Emergency Room by airmen from the Guam National Guard's 254th RED HORSE Squadron. Commonly used for disaster response, the tent has capabilities similar to an expedient field hospital, including negative pressure to maintain a sanitary working environment ideal for treating COVID-19 patients.

The Government of Guam currently has a total of ten Blu-Med Tents ready to deploy as needed. The tents were purchased with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding and arrived earlier this week in anticipation of increased hospitalizations.

**Cumulative Results**

To date, there have been a total of **4,628** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **79** deaths, **1,883** cases in active isolation and **2,666** not in active isolation.

Of the 79 new cases, 19 cases were identified through contact tracing. Twelve cases have reported recent travel from the United States and were identified in quarantine.

The following breakdown provides cumulative COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Friday, October 30 and reflects results from Thursday, October 29:

Laboratory	New Cases Reported on Friday, October 30	Samples Tested on Thursday, October 29	Total Negative Tests (March 12 - October 29)	Total Reported Cases (March 12 - October 30, 2020)
Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL)	43	271	32,773	2,395
Department of Defense (DoD)	4	61	7,940	549
Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS)	11	150	8,740	733
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) Laboratory	5	39	5,772	334
Guam National Guard (GUNG) Laboratory	0	0	17	0
Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) Laboratory	6	50	4,119	247
Private Clinics	6	66	2,680	319
Other Laboratories	0	N/A	N/A	2
Probable Case	4	7	360	49
<b>AS OF 7:55 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020</b>	<b>Total Confirmed: 79</b>	<b>Total Samples Tested: 644</b>	<b>Total Negative Tests: 62,401</b>	<b>Total COVID-19 Cases: 4,628</b>

### Profiles of Confirmed Cases

MEDICAL STATUS	GENDER	RESIDENCE	TRAVEL HISTORY <sup>2</sup>	AGE GROUP	EPI LINK TO COVID-19 CASE <sup>4</sup>
Stable: 1,791 Hospitalized <sup>1</sup> : GMH: 83 ICU: 12 Ventilator: 3 GRMC: 6 ICU: 2 Ventilator: 1 USNH: 3 ICU: 0 Released: 2,666 Deaths: 79	Female: 2,169 Male: 2,459	North: 2,504 Central: 1,248 South: 586 Homeless: 04 Non-resident: 64	U.S.: 170 Dubai: 02 Japan: 01 Mexico: 01 Philippines: 28 Singapore: 01  Identified in Quarantine <sup>3</sup> : 171	90+: 10 80-89: 37 70-79: 132 60-69: 381 50-59: 657 40-49: 681 30-39: 861 20-29: 1,072 10-19: 500 0-9: 297	Household: 1,269 Community: 801 Workplace: 408 Healthcare: 66

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup>Some cases have more than one link to other COVID-19 cases.

### 12 GDOE Employees Test Positive for COVID-19

Over the past week, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) received notification that 12 GDOE employees tested positive for COVID-19. L.P. Untalan Middle School, Talofoto Elementary School, Finegayan Elementary School, and M.U. Lujan Elementary School each

identified one positive case. F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School, Okkodo High School, Marcial Sablan Elementary School, and Price Elementary School each identified two cases.

The GDOE is working closely with DPHSS to conduct contact tracing and any close contacts of the confirmed cases will be contacted directly. Areas of the campuses have been cleaned and disinfected as needed. Hard copy packet and food distribution will not be interrupted.

### **GBHWC Crisis Hotline**

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.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [dphss.guam.gov](https://dphss.guam.gov) or [guamrecovery.com](https://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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