



**Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 4**  
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### **Tropical Storm Mawar - Healthcare Update**

In anticipation of Condition of Readiness (COR) 2 tonight at 8 p.m., note the following healthcare updates:

The community is reminded to ensure prescription medicine is filled before the storm's approach. Use today and Monday to stock up on necessary medical supplies.

#### **Department of Public Health and Social Services**

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) announces that at Condition of Readiness (COR) 2, the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) in Dededo and the Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC) in Inalahan will remain open and the following limited services will be provided:

- Patients who need oxygen therapy due to loss of power (patients may bring their own oxygen machines). Patients should also bring necessities such as water, food, and medications. Please bring only one individual to accompany you to the center.
- A doctor will be available to treat patients who need non-emergency care (i.e., treatment for lacerations, cuts, and minor injuries, etc.) and those needing urgent care services (i.e., breathing treatments, IV fluid therapy, treatment for minor infections, etc.)
- Northern Pharmacy will remain open during COR 2 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to serve Community Health Center patients who require medication refills, supplies, and other essential medication.
- If you are experiencing a life-threatening condition, please call 911 or proceed to the nearest hospital emergency room.

For more information, please call the following:

- Northern Region CHC: (671) 635-7400/4410
- Southern Region CHC: (671) 828-7515/6/7

#### **Guam Memorial Hospital Authority**

The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) will be announcing the time for pregnant mothers to come in the afternoon of Monday, May 22, 2023. At that time, GMHA will begin receiving pregnant mothers who are at least thirty-eight (38) weeks pregnant and all high-risk pregnant mothers who are six (6) months or more in their pregnancy.

Expectant mothers are asked to please check with their healthcare provider for guidance if they are unsure if they have a high-risk pregnancy. Once GMHA has announced it is accepting pregnant mothers, please check in with the Patient Registration Dept. on the 1st floor upon your arrival. Expectant mothers should expect to remain at the hospital for the duration of the storm and it has been determined to be safe for them to return to their homes.

All expectant mothers are asked to have a complete meal before they check into the hospital. Sleepers, pillows, and blankets will be provided to the pregnant mothers. All pregnant mothers who need to come to GMH are asked to bring the following for their comfort and convenience:

1. ID and insurance cards

2. Meals will be provided but mothers are encouraged to bring additional drinking water and snacks that do not require refrigeration or heating
3. Any necessary medications
4. Personal toiletries (soap, toothbrush, lotions, etc.)
5. Change of clothing
6. Entertainment (i.e. games, cards, movies, headphones, books, etc.) to help pass time

For hospital safety, the following **RESTRICTIONS** will be in place for all pregnant mothers:

- No personal pillows and blankets
- No escorts, support persons, children, or pets (with the exception of service animals) will be allowed to accompany pregnant mothers.
- No smoking/vaping, alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons will be permitted.

### **Guam Regional Medical City**

The Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) will suspend visiting hours once the island is placed in Condition of Readiness (COR) 2. All visitors, except patient watchers, will be asked to leave the hospital.

All admitted patients may have one (1) patient watcher. Patient watchers must obtain an approved emergency patient watcher badge from Customer Relations in the Main Lobby. Note, patient watchers are encouraged to bring food (that does not require refrigeration) for the duration of the storm. Meals will only be provided to patients.

The GRMC Lung and Infectious Diseases (GLID) Clinic has converted physical appointments to Telehealth until further notice. All other outpatient appointments and elective surgeries scheduled on Monday, May 22, 2023, will be contacted for rescheduling accordingly.

For more information, contact GRMC's Marketing & Communications Department at (671) 687-5572 or (671) 971-1347 or via email at [marketing.mailbox@grmc.gu](mailto:marketing.mailbox@grmc.gu).

### **U.S. Naval Hospital Guam**

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam emergency services will remain operational during the storm. However, be mindful of COR levels, base control measures and access restrictions.

USNH Guam pregnant women who are 38 weeks or longer and 36 weeks if high risk (with complications) will be called by hospital staff.

### **Fresenius Dialysis Centers**

Fresenius Dialysis Centers will remain open tomorrow, May 22, 2023. Patients will be contacted if there are changes to scheduled appointments. Patients are encouraged to contact the centers directly for more information.

Telephone numbers:

Fresenius – Dededo: 637-3068

Fresenius – FHP: 646-3034

Fresenius – Finegayan: 588-0020

Fresenius - Sinajana: 475-3600

Fresenius Tamuning: 646-3516

Fresenius – Tumon: 646-3773

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>
- JRM Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jrmguam>

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