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**Emergency Shelters to Open at 6PM;
 School Closure Update**

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Rear Adm. Brett Mietus anticipate placing Guam, and the respective military bases, in Condition of Readiness (COR) 2, and Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR) 2 at 5 p.m. this afternoon, April 12, 2026.

A Typhoon Watch remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian and Saipan, meaning typhoon conditions, including winds of 74 mph or more, are possible within 48 hours. Tropical storm force winds of 39 mph or more are anticipated to begin affecting the Marianas Monday evening. Typhoon force winds, of 74 mph or more, remain possible for Guam and Rota Tuesday morning into early Wednesday morning. Typhoon Sinlaku is forecast to pass through the Marianas as a category 4 Typhoon.

JTF-M continues to take preemptive measures to posture forces and resources for rapid response supporting our interagency and local partners.

Emergency Shelters to Open at 6:00 PM:

If you need to evacuate to an emergency shelter, before you leave home, shut off your incoming electricity at the main breaker or switch, usually located by the electric meter or in the circuit breaker panel. If you are dependent on an electrically-powered life support system, consider having a backup generator. Otherwise, make plans ahead of time to go to an alternate location where electricity will be available.

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) has prepared to open seven (7) emergency shelters at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, April 12, 2026. **Emergency shelters will NOT open prior to 6:00 pm.** Please note that school classes and GDOE operations will not resume until Condition of Readiness 4 (COR4) has been declared and it is safe to reopen.

The following emergency shelters open today:

Northern

- Astumbo Elementary School
- Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School
- Machananao Elementary School

Central

- George Washington High School

Southern

- Talo'fo'fo Elementary School
- Merizo Martyrs Elementary
- Inarajan Middle School

WHAT SHOULD YOU TAKE TO THE SHELTER?

1. 7-day supply of food and water for all members of your family
2. Bedding

3. Personal hygiene products
4. Medication
5. 7-day of supply for infants and toddlers, including diapers and formula
6. Valid Photo ID
7. Important documents including birth certificates, passports and medical immunization cards

SHELTER RULES

1. Be respectful to fellow residents and staff. No foul language, abusive behavior, stealing or destruction of property will be accepted or tolerated.
2. Busing to/from shelters is available at the Mayors' Offices.
3. Bring a 7-day supply of food, water & prescriptions; infants & toddlers should have a 7- day supply of disposable diapers, baby formula & baby food.
4. Bring bedding, toiletries, toilet tissue, and personal hygiene products.
5. Must complete registration. Bring a form of valid I.D.
6. Must report Tuberculosis or flu-like symptoms.
7. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and weapons are not allowed in the shelter or on the shelter grounds. Persons caught in possession will be asked to leave the shelter and in some cases turned over to law enforcement personnel. Persons determined to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will not be admitted, or readmitted to the shelter.
8. Public Law 21-139 dictates that there is no smoking on school premises. Smoking is not allowed in the shelter. Smoking is permitted outside the campus in designated smoking areas only. Please dispose of cigarette butts properly.
9. Quiet hours will be announced and enforced in the sleeping areas. However, sleeping areas should be kept quiet at all times.
10. If you bring vital documents (i.e. Birth records, passports, etc.), secure them or keep them on you at all times. The Shelter is not responsible for these items if stolen.
11. Parents must maintain responsibility and supervision for their children. Children must never be left unattended.
12. No cooking or gas stoves.
13. For your safety DO NOT LEAVE THE SHELTER before COR 4 has been declared.
14. Only service animals are allowed at this time.
15. Pets cannot be sheltered at this time. For those seeking shelter for their pets, make plans for them now to stay with a loved one, friend or family member as pets will not be allowed in the emergency shelters.

Take Action Now

- **Stay Out of the Water! Hazardous surf and seas remain.**
- **Plan for Emergency Shelter**
- Secure your home. Put up shutters or board windows to mitigate impact;
- Clear drainage areas and unblock storm drains to minimize flooding;
- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items that may become airborne with heavy winds, such as canopies, tarps, and trampolines, before inclement weather arrives;
 - Secure construction sites
 - Take down signs
- Have an emergency kit prepared: Store enough food and water for your household for 7-10 days. Include medication, disinfectant supplies and pet supplies;
- Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents and keep copies in a water-proof bag;

- Review your emergency plan: If you do not have a plan, learn how to create an [emergency plan](#). Have plans for your family members and [pets](#). If you are a person with [disabilities](#) or a caregiver for [elderly](#), you may need to take extra steps to plan for those additional needs.
- Get emergency alerts: Stay informed by having a weather alert radio, battery-operated, or hand-crank radio, where you can listen to emergency news;
- Gas your vehicles and get fuel for your generators;
- Pull cash from the ATM in case of power outages;
- Don't drive through flood waters: Almost half of all flash flood deaths happen in vehicles. When in your car, look out for [flooding](#) in low-lying areas at bridges and at highway dips. As little as 6 inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

Update from the Archdiocese of Agana

With the Condition of Readiness being called for 5 p.m. today, all Catholic schools will follow official protocol and will be closed on Monday for the safety of everyone.

The GBHWC Suicide & Crisis Lifeline remains operational 24/7. The community may call or text the hotline at 988, or chat online at 988lifeline.org.

Visit the following links for the latest 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>
- JTF-M Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/1CdEchVcDs/>

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