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Profiles of Earlier Confirmed Cases; COVID-19 Links to Group Settings; Local Advance of Economic Impact Payments; DPHSS Updates; Services for Low-Income Veterans

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) tested 34 individuals for COVID-19 on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 with conclusive results. One (1) tested positive through DPHSS and 33 tested negative for SARS-CoV-2. Additional results will be provided later this evening once today's test results are finalized.

Preliminary Profiles of Confirmed Cases

Most of Guam COVID-19 known positive cases have epidemiological links to other confirmed cases. Profiles of the 125 COVID-19 cases include two clinically diagnosed cases, reports of 11 confirmed positive cases received from the U.S. Naval Hospital that were tested by the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) in San Diego, and one confirmed positive case through Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS).

To date, a total of 123 cases tested positive and two were clinically diagnosed with 33 recoveries and four deaths. As this is an evolving situation, information is subject to change with little to no notice.

Stable:	74	Female:	66	North:	65	Dubai:	02	90+:	01
Hospitalized:	14	Male:	59	Central:	41	Japan:	01	80-89:	04
Recovered:	33			South:	17	Philippines:	11	70-79:	09
Deaths:	04			Homeless:	02	Singapore:	01	60-69:	33
						U.S.:	05	50-59:	23
								40-49:	23
								30-39:	12
								20-29:	12
								10-19:	07
								0-9:	01
						*Some cases traveled to more than one country			

COVID-19 Cases Linked to Group Settings in Guam

DPHSS has completed contact tracing for the following clusters starting March 15: Håfa Adai Bingo, Sinajana Senior Citizen Center, a golf tournament, three travel-related groups, and a fundraiser. The incubation period (14 days) from these exposures has passed. In total, 33 individuals were identified and tested positive for COVID-19. No other cases were confirmed in those exposed at these events.

DPHSS is actively investigating additional clusters of COVID-19 cases. As of April 8, 2020, positive cases have been linked to seven group settings in Guam that are currently under Public Health investigation:

Group Settings	# of COVID-19 Positive cases
Iglesia Ni Cristo Church	11
Family Gathering at a Hotel	5
Health Care Settings (Two Locations)	17
Various United Airlines Flights (Passengers in Government of Guam Quarantine Facility)	3
United Airlines Flight Crew	1
United Airlines Flight from Honolulu to Guam	2

If you believe you have been in contact with someone confirmed positive with COVID-19, or in any of the group settings above, please call 311 and press option 1 to be directed to the DPHSS Nurse Triage or call (671) 480-7859, (671) 480-6760; (671) 480-6763; (671) 480-7883; or (671) 687-6170 (ADA Line).

Local Advance of Economic Impact Payments

Guam has received IRS approval for the total estimated cost of \$134.8 million of federal Economic Impact Payments to be paid to the Government of Guam. Because Guam was among the first territories to submit a draft implementation plan, checks associated with this program may be cut within about two weeks of IRS approval.

Prior to the implementation of the federal program, \$11 million in local funds will be used to issue checks to tax filers with adjusted gross incomes of \$10,000 or less in tax year 2018 as early as next week.

“Guam Guide to COVID-19: We’re ALL in this Together” available on dphss.guam.gov
 DPHSS has a suite of materials that contains public health information and advice about how you can help stop the spread of viruses, like COVID-19, by practicing good respiratory and hand hygiene. New to the website is a 12-page booklet, “Guam Guide to COVID-19: We’re ALL in this Together.” To access, download and share this information, visit <http://dphss.guam.gov/>

Updates on Health Certificates

Effective immediately, DPHSS has waived the requirement for food-handlers to obtain and possess a Health Certificate when employed at a food facility. Employees without health certificates must be directly supervised by a manager or supervisor with a Manager's Certification to ensure they are given appropriate guidance and instructions on food safety.

Services for Low-Income Veterans

The WestCare Pacific Islands (WPI) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSFV) program continues to provide emergency assistance related to housing, utilities, and food for veterans and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The WPI SSFV program provides supportive services for low or very low-income veteran families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. Services are designed to increase the housing stability of veteran families that are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. SSVF also provides access to nutritious food and related supplies through an emergency food program. Eligibility and screening are required. To access the SSFV urgent services, call their hotline numbers, operational Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.:

- (671) 482-9001
- (671) 688-5444
- (671) 488-9001

For more information email pacificislandsssvf@westcare.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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