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144th COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported; 63 of 1,080 Test Positive for COVID-19; Three GDOE Students, One Employee Test Positive for COVID-19; VAPPC Holds Virtual Meeting; COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Schedule; Issuance of SNAP P-EBT Cards
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144th COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported

The Joint Information Center (JIC) was notified that Guam's 144th COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the U.S. Naval Hospital at approximately 10:37 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021. The patient was a 65-year-old male with underlying health conditions and without any verifiable record of COVID-19 vaccination. The patient had tested positive for COVID-19 on August 9, 2021.

“Each soul lost to this deadly virus is a sobering reminder that our fight with COVID-19 continues. To his family, friends, and all those who loved him, we extend our deepest sympathies during these difficult times, and we pray for healing,” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. “While we have made significant progress in our vaccination efforts, there are still tens of thousands of our people who remain vulnerable to this virus. That is why, if you are eligible for the vaccine, I urge you to get your shots. Please protect yourself, protect those you love, and protect our community.”

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed, or need 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.

Results: 63 New Cases of COVID-19

Sixty-three (63) new cases of COVID-19 were identified out of **1,080** tests performed on August 16. **Eleven (11)** cases were identified through contact tracing. To date, there have been a total of **9,081** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **144** deaths, **390** cases in active isolation – inclusive of **Fourteen (14)** hospitalized cases with **two (2)** hospitalized cases receiving ICU-level care, and **8,547** not in active isolation. **The CAR Score is 9.5.**

Guam COVID-19 vaccination update: As of August 16, a total of **105,885** or **77.69%** of Guam's eligible population (residents 12 years and older) have received either both doses in the two-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) or the single-dose series (Johnson & Johnson/Janssen) of the COVID-19 vaccine. This percentage includes **8,444** fully vaccinated residents between the ages of 12 – 17, as well as Guam's fully vaccinated adult population of **97,441**.

Three GDOE Students, One Employee Test Positive for COVID-19

Today, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) confirmed three separate cases of COVID-19 involving students at the Agueda I. Johnston Middle School, F.B. Leon Guerrero

Middle School and Tiyan High School, and one case involving an employee assigned to Astumbo Elementary School. In collaboration with the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), GDOE has identified and notified teachers as well as parents of students who may have been in contact with the index cases to schedule testing. Tested individuals will remain in quarantine until they are cleared by DPHSS to return to campus. Cleaning and disinfecting of areas of the campuses are taking place to ensure schools are ready for regular hours of operation on Wednesday, August 18.

Week of August 14 – 20: GDOE School-Level COVID-19 Tracking (Student Cases)

School	Cases	In-Person Enrollment	Percent
Agueda I. Johnston Middle School <i>(Reported today)</i>	1	595	0.2%
F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School <i>(Reported today)</i>	1	836	0.1%
Tiyan High School <i>(Reported today)</i>	1	997	0.1%
Finegayan Elementary School	1	695	0.1%
Harry S. Truman Elementary School	1	296	0.3%
Maria Ulloa Elementary School	1	594	0.2%
Upi Elementary School	1	476	0.2%
Vicente Benavente Middle School	1	820	0.1%
L.P. Untalan Middle School	2	806	0.2%
TOTAL REPORTING	10	6,113	0.2%

VAPPC Holds Virtual Meeting

During their virtual meeting today, the Vaccine and Antiviral Prioritization Policy Committee (VAPPC) discussed developing a policy for COVID-19 vaccines for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that people whose immune systems are compromised moderately to severely receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines at least 28 days after completion of the primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series. The two mRNA COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are manufactured by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.

The VAPPC agreed that DPHSS will draft policy and issue a Physicians Advisory to clinicians on Guam advising of the guidelines to determine eligibility for the additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for immunocompromised patients.

UPDATE: COVID-19 Testing Continues

DPHSS drive-through COVID-19 testing continues at the old carnival grounds in Tiyan, Barrigada on Wednesday, August 18, through Saturday, August 21. Testing is from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Up to 400 tests will be offered. **Only polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing will be conducted.** For purposes of qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, samples will be collected through nasopharyngeal swabs. Testing is free and will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. No symptoms are needed to qualify for testing. Bring a photo ID.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING SCHEDULE – FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

Wednesday, August 18 - Saturday, August 21	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Old Carnival Grounds, Tiyan, Barrigada
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COVID-19 test results can be expected within 24 hours. To receive results via email, send a request to covidresults@dphss.guam.gov. For quicker service, DPHSS encourages individuals to visit dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing to download, print, and complete a [COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form](#) before arriving at the testing site.

Only four (4) people per vehicle are allowed to be tested. Minors must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian and provide government-issued identification to validate age. The parent/legal guardian will also be required to sign a consent form for the minor to be tested for COVID-19. Testing for travel purposes will **not** be conducted at DPHSS drive-thru testing sites and must be scheduled with the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) by calling (671) 635-7525/6.

The community is reminded to monitor for symptoms and get tested if they are identified as close contacts to confirmed positive cases or are experiencing any of the known COVID-19 symptoms, which include, but are not limited to:

- Cough
- Muscle pain
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Fever
- New loss of taste or smell
- Chills

This list is not exhaustive of all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

UPDATE: COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule

COVID-19 vaccination clinics continue at the locations and times below:

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS		
Wednesday, August 18	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, Inalåhan Vaccines: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.
August 18 – 21,	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Micronesia Mall, 2nd Floor, Above Center Court, Dededo Register for Aug. 17, 18, or 20 at tinyurl.com/vaxguam Register for Aug. 19 or 21 at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme Vaccines: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson Bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment at 6 p.m. Walk-ins welcome.
Friday, August 20	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Vaccines: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.
Saturday, August 21 (EVERY SATURDAY)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Drive-Through Vaccination, University of Guam, Mangilao Parking lot across the School of Business & Public Admin. Vaccines: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson. Bring proof of identity.

Bring a photo ID. Those due for their second dose are reminded to bring their COVID-19 immunization card. To view the complete schedule of COVID-19 vaccination clinics, visit dphss.guam.gov/vaccinategu.

Special Requirements for Minors to Receive the Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine:

- must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
- must provide government-issued identification to validate minor’s age
- must provide minor’s birth certificate
- parent/legal guardian must have a government-issued ID
- guardians must present legal guardianship or power-of-attorney documents

Homebound Vaccination Requests

DPHSS and the University of Guam (UOG) Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (CEDDERS) have partnered to service all homebound requests. Individuals who would like to request homebound COVID-19 vaccinations should call 311, option 2, between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, to schedule an appointment.

Issuance of SNAP P-EBT Cards Continue

DPHSS, in collaboration with the GDOE continues the issuance of the Supplemental Assistance Program (SNAP) Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) cards at the Micronesia Mall Center Court. Below are the dates, times, and location for P-EBT Cards distribution for **registered parent/guardian whose child/children attend a GDOE School:**

P-EBT DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE		
August 18 – 27, August 30 – 31, September 1	11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	MICRONESIA MALL CENTER COURT Register at tinyurl.com/pebtguam

The P-EBT Issuance Form, Q & A information sheet and brochure will be available for download at dphss.guam.gov. While hard copy issuance forms are available at the distribution site, DPHSS and GDOE recommend that parents download, complete and print issuance forms prior to arriving at the distribution site.

P-EBT Card Distribution Requirements:

- Register at tinyurl.com/pebtguam
- Bring a valid picture ID such as a Driver’s License, Guam ID, military ID or Passport. **Photocopies of ID’s are not accepted.**
- You must be the registered parent/guardian for your child with GDOE. If you are not the registered parent/guardian, a P-EBT card **WILL NOT** be issued to you. If your child is an active member in another SNAP household, then a card will be issued to the head of household in that SNAP case.

Walk-ins will be accepted on a limited basis. For questions about the P-EBT, you can call 311, option 7.

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.



GUAM COVID-19 UPDATE

JIC Release No. 754 Supplemental - *Data as of August 16, 2021*
COVID AREA RISK (CAR) SCORE: 9.5

CASE COUNT	TOTAL	REPORTED TODAY	PAST 7 DAYS		
COVID-19 CASES	9,081	63	312		
CONFIRMED	8,750	60	277		
PROBABLE	331	3	35		
TESTING	TOTAL	TODAY	7-DAY % POSITIVE		
DIAGNOSTIC	200,609	1,080	5.7%		
MOLECULAR	185,527	1,068	5.9%		
ANTIGEN	15,082	12	4.3%		
SEROLOGY	393	0	0%		
STATUS	TOTAL	ISOLATION LOCATION	TOTAL		
COVID-19 Death	144	Hospital	14		
Active Isolation	390	Home	265		
Not In Isolation	8,547	Isolation Facility	55		
Civilian	8,478	Military	56		
Military	603				
CENSUS	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL	
COVID ADMISSION	8	6	0	14	
IN ICU	0	2	0	2	
ON VENTILATOR	0	0	0	0	
Vaccine/Vaccinator	1st Doses	2nd Doses	Fully Immunized		
Pfizer-BioNTech	65,269	60,840	60,840		
Moderna	30,962	29,779	29,779		
Johnson & Johnson Janssen	-	-	4,067		
Department of Defense			10,458		
Guam National Guard			741		
TOTALS:	96,231	90,619	105,885 (12 years & older)		
Private Gov	GovGuam	Total Administered	Total Allotted	% Administered	Doses Remaining
		190,917	233,450	81.78%	42,533