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COVID-19 Test Results: 393 New Cases, 42 Hospitalized;
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Today, the Joint Information Center was notified of two (2) COVID-19-related fatalities:

- The 318th COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) on February 5, 2022. The patient was an 82-year-old male, unvaccinated, who tested positive on February 5.
- The 319th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) on February 21, 2022. The patient was an 81-year-old male, fully vaccinated without a booster shot, who had underlying health conditions and tested positive on February 18.

"We offer our prayers to all those who have lost loved ones to this virus," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "The community is reminded to seek care immediately if you have severe symptoms, especially those that are at higher risk. Do not wait for symptoms to subside on their own and be assured that there is treatment available to prevent serious illness or sometimes even death."

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.
Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. Call 911 if you have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or bluish lips or face. Individuals who are sick are advised to:
- Stay home, except to seek medical care. Call ahead before visiting the clinic/doctor.
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headaches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea and/or diarrhea.
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19. While waiting for test results, you should stay away from others, including staying apart from those living in your household.

Older Adults, People with Serious Chronic Medical Conditions are Most at Risk for Serious Complications and Death Due to SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19
Serious chronic medical conditions include:

- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Lung disease
- Obesity
- Immunocompromised conditions (e.g. cancer, lupus)
- Chronic renal disease
- Neurologic or neurodevelopmental condition
- Current or former smoking
- Chronic liver disease

42 Hospitalized for COVID-19

CENSUS as of 5:30 p.m.	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL

COVID-19 Admission	28	14	0	**42**
Pediatric Admissions	1	-	-	**1**
ICU	4	1	0	**5**
Ventilator	2	1	0	**3**

VACCINATION STATUS	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	INELIGIBLE (0-4 years old)
Hospitalized	28	14	0
Total in Population*	134,592	7,015	12,229
Rate per 100,000 Population	21	200	0

SPECIAL NOTE: Based on today's data, if we were to compare two (2) hypothetical populations of 100,000 people each, vaccinated versus unvaccinated, there would be 21 vaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19 compared to 200 unvaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19. The risk of being hospitalized for COVID-19 is about 10 times higher for the unvaccinated as compared to the vaccinated.
*Estimated population is based on DPHSS Immunization Program analysis of 2020 Census data. Updates are expected pending further Census 2020 data breakdown.

COVID-19 Test Results: 393 New Cases of COVID-19

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported **393** new cases of COVID-19 from **3,338** specimens analyzed on February 21, 2022. To date, there have been a total of **43,211** officially reported cases, **319** deaths, **3,348** cases in active isolation, and **39,545** not in active isolation.

No Symptoms Needed to Test for COVID-19

No symptoms are needed to test at the Tiyan community testing site. COVID-19 testing at DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) and Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC) will continue to be offered to **only** symptomatic patients and close contacts by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, visit tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme.

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING	
Fill out a COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form ahead of time, available at dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing.	
Feb. 23–26, 2022: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	**Old Carnival Grounds, *Tiyan, Barrigada*** COVID-19 testing will be offered by appointment through tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme. **Four adults per vehicle.** Bring a photo ID.Travel-related testing will not be offered. **NO SYMPTOMS NEEDED TO TEST FOR COVID-19**
Feb. 23–26, 2022: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC), *Inalåhan*** **By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vehicle.** Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered. Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518. **Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme** ___ **DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC), Dededo** **By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vehicle.** Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered. Call (671) 635-7525/6 to schedule an appointment.

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER)
FIRST DOSES, SECOND DOSES, AND BOOSTER SHOTS AVAILABLE
Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson

Feb. 23–26, 2022: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. CLOSED: Thursday	**University of Guam Field House, Mangilao: Register: tinyurl.com/vaxguam** Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. **The COVID-19 vaccination clinic operating at the UOG Field House will close on Saturday, February 26, 2022.**
Feb. 23–26, 2022: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	**DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC), Dededo** Call 671-635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. **Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme**
Feb. 23–25, 2022: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC), Inalåhan** Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. **Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme**
Feb. 23, 2022: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	**Agana Heights Elementary School** After-school vaccination clinic open to the community. Walk-ins welcome. Minors must have birth certificate, parents must have government-issued photo ID.
Feb. 24, 2022: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	**Tamuning Elementary School*** After-school vaccination clinic open to the community. Walk-ins welcome. Minors must have birth certificate, parents must have government-issued photo ID. ***Serving students from both L.B.J Elementary and Tamuning Elementary**
Feb. 26, 2022: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**Agat Gym, Hågat - Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme** COVID-19 vaccination support clinic for families of children with disabilities and also open to the community. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Minors must have a birth certificate, parents must have a government-issued photo ID. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.

Mangilao mAb Treatment Center Reopens

The monoclonal antibody therapy (mAb) Treatment Center located at the Mangilao Senior Citizens Center in Mangilao has reopened for COVID-19 therapeutic services. The hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m Monday through Saturday. Patients must receive a referral from a physician in order to qualify for treatment at the Mangilao mAb Treatment Center.

Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update

As of February 21, 2022, a total of **134,592** of Guam's eligible population (residents 5 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This total includes **13,204** residents 12 – 17 years old. **7,311** residents 5 – 11 years old received their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech two dose series. **5,249** residents 5 – 11 years old have completed their two-dose series. An additional **124** residents have received their booster shots and a total of **54,427** booster shots have been administered to eligible residents since September 29, 2021.

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