



Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 170

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**Disaster Household Distribution; Medicare Covers Mental Health Services;
Expanded COVID-19 Testing Continues**

COVID-19 test results are reported from multiple labs at varying times of the day. Cumulative test results will be provided this evening once all tests from today are finalized.

To date, there have been **180** cases confirmed through COVID-19 testing provided with **5** deaths, **164** released from isolation, and **11** active cases. As this is an evolving situation, information is subject to change with little to no notice. For updated information on COVID-19 cases on Guam, visit the COVID-19 Dashboard and Situation Report at <http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/>.

Disaster Household Distribution

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Disaster Household Distribution (DHD) is available to all families impacted by COVID-19. TEFAP-DHD began in May, and the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) was approved by USDA to distribute a total of 12,000 TEFAP-DHD commodity bags.

Recipients will receive one bag of TEFAP-DHD food commodities and one Farmers to Families food box of fresh fruits or vegetables. Food commodities include items such as fresh apples and oranges, beans, rice, canned fruits, sauces, tuna, salmon, pork, beef, and chicken. Distribution will take place on **Thursday, June 11, 2020** at the following locations:

- Tiyan Upper Baseball Field from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Yona St. Francis Church from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Commodities will be distributed for the week on a first come, first served basis, *while supplies last*. Distribution may end early if all available resources are distributed before 10 a.m.

Participants are asked to follow the following program guidelines:

- Please be patient;
- Follow instructions and have valid identification ready;
- Wear a mask at all times;
- Remain in your vehicle;
- Proceed with caution; and
- Follow traffic directions and signage.

In addition to the 12,000 commodity bags approved for distribution through the TEFAP-DHD program, an additional 8,019 bags of commodities were distributed to non-profit community organizations, Mayor's Offices, and the Feed the Need Organization between March and May 2020.

Normal TEFAP Commodities Distribution Resumes last week of June

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) regular operations will be suspended from June 15-19 in order to replenish commodity resources and to transition back to operations at the Piti warehouse. Normal TEFAP commodities distribution will resume at the GDOE Piti warehouse during the final week of June. Further TEFAP information, dates and times will be announced at a later date. The TEFAP commodities distribution program is available to economically vulnerable families that participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Participants are reminded to continue to follow all safety guidelines.

Medicare Covers Mental Health Services

If you have Medicare and you are feeling anxious or depressed during these stressful and uncertain times, make sure you call your doctor or a healthcare professional. Medicare covers a number of services to support you, including outpatient mental health services like depression screening, individual and group psychotherapy, and family counseling.

Please check your healthcare provider if counseling services via telehealth is available to you. Further, be sure to check, as some healthcare providers and plans are reducing or waiving the amount you pay for telehealth visits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Always take care of your mental health, and call your healthcare provider if stress gets in the way of your daily activities for several days in a row. Visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information or contact Chad Palomo at the Division of Senior Citizens at 735-7421/7415 or through email at chad.palomo@dphss.guam.gov.

Expanded COVID-19 Testing Continues

DPHSS, in collaboration with the Government of Guam, the Mayors Council of Guam, private, and federal agencies, continues expanded COVID-19 testing.

Testing is free and open to the public. No symptoms are needed to qualify for testing. If your village is not listed, please proceed to a neighboring village for testing. Please bring an I.D., if one is available. The expanded testing schedule is as follows:

COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing:

- Thursday, June 11, 2020, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Merizo Senior Center
 - Free and open to Merizo residents
- Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Piti Mayor's Office
 - Free and open to Piti residents
- Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Santa Rita Senior Center
 - Free and open to Santa Rita residents
- Thursday, June 18, 2020, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the St. Anthony Church grounds, Tamuning
 - Free and open to Tamuning and Tumon residents
- Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the GPD Police Koban Parking Lot (next to Barrigada Community Center)
 - Free and open to Barrigada residents
- Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Agana Heights Mayor's Office

- Free and open to Agana Heights residents

If you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please call your health care provider. If a patient does not have a regular health care provider, they can call any of the Community Health Centers or the DPHSS Medical Triage Hotline phone numbers listed below to report symptoms and obtain guidance from clinicians, or call 311 and dial option number 1.

- (671) 480-7859
- (671) 480-6760/3
- (671) 480-7883
- (671) 687-6170 (ADA Dedicated Number)

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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