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COVID-19 test results are reported from multiple labs at varying times of the day. The Joint Information Center will report cumulative COVID-19 test results once a day, unless unavailable.

For updated information on COVID-19 cases on Guam, visit the COVID-19 Dashboard and Situation Report at <http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/>.

Portions of F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School to Close Following Positive COVID-19 Case

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) is working closely with the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) to conduct contact tracing after a confirmed COVID-19 case was identified at F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School.

On Thursday, August 13, 2020, the GDOE was notified that an employee at F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School tested positive for COVID-19. The contact tracing effort is ongoing and close contacts of the confirmed case will be contacted directly by DPHSS. A close contact is an individual who has come in face-to-face contact with a confirmed COVID-19 individual for at least 10 minutes or more and within six feet, or who has had direct contact with infectious secretions of the confirmed COVID-19 individual (e.g. being coughed on). Both the confirmed case and close contacts will not be permitted to return to campus until cleared by DPHSS.

Beginning Friday, August 14, 2020, portions of F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School campus will be closed for cleaning and disinfecting, to include areas of the campus accessed by the confirmed COVID-19 individual. These portions of the campus will be off-limits until cleaning is completed. Remaining portions of the campus will remain accessible by school personnel.

Daily precautions are taken at GDOE school sites to safeguard the health and safety of employees, students, and families. Not only are schools cleaned and sanitized daily, but other safety precautions in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to include the following: required face coverings for all students and staff; temperature screening upon arrival; 6 feet physical distancing; regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and common areas; and encouraging students/employees to wash hands and sanitize often.

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 while supplies last. No symptoms are needed to qualify for testing. Please bring an ID, if one is available. The community testing schedule is as follows:

COVID-19 Drive-Through and Walk-In Testing:

- Saturday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Yigo Gym in Yigo, along Marine Corps Drive
- Thursday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Guma Trankilidat in Tumon
 - Note: this event is limited to Guma Trankilidat Residents
- Saturday, Aug. 22, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the St. Francis Church and School Parking Lot, along Route 4 in Yona
- Saturday, Sept. 5, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Talofofo Gym in Talofofo
- Saturday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Umatac Mayor's Office, along Route 2 in Umatac

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)

GBHWC Crisis Hotline Available 24/7

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at **(671) 647-8833/4**. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has licensed experienced providers available, ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

Avoid Sharing Unofficial Information

The Joint Information Center is aware of unverified messages circulating on chat groups and social media about positive COVID-19 cases and places frequented. The community is reminded to only share verified, official information with others to avoid the spread of misinformation.

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.

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