



**Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 263**  
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**Cumulative Results: Twenty-Eight Test Positive for COVID-19; Profiles of Confirmed Cases; Guidance for those with Possible Contact to a Confirmed Case; Guidance for those Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms**

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/>.

**Cumulative Results**

The following breakdown provides cumulative COVID-19 test results for **Thursday, August 13, 2020**:

Laboratory	New Cases Reported on Thursday, August 13	Samples Tested (August 12)	Total Negative Cases (March 12 - August 13)	Total Confirmed Cases (March 12 - August 13, 2020)
Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL)	26	307	14,311	294
Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) <sup>1</sup> /U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam <sup>2</sup>	0	0	3,506	71
Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS) <sup>2</sup>	0	59	4,118	70
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) Laboratory <sup>3</sup>	2	37	3,284	28
Guam National Guard (GUNG) Laboratory <sup>4</sup>	0	0	17	0
Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) Laboratory <sup>5</sup>	0	42	938	1
American Medical Center (AMC) <sup>6</sup>	0	0	29	3
Other Laboratories	0	N/A	N/A	2
Probable cases	0	N/A	N/A	8
<b>AS OF 4:55 PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020</b>	<b>Total Confirmed: 28</b>	<b>Total Samples Tested: 445</b>	<b>Total Negative Cases (March 12 - August 13): 26,203</b>	<b>Total COVID-19 Cases (March 12 - August 13): 477</b>

<sup>1</sup>Beginning March 26, 2020

<sup>2</sup>Beginning March 31, 2020

<sup>3</sup>Beginning April 15, 2020

<sup>4</sup>Beginning April 23, 2020

<sup>5</sup>Beginning April 30, 2020

<sup>6</sup>Beginning August 10, 2020

A total of 28 cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today. Of the 28 newly confirmed cases, 11 cases were identified through contact tracing and four cases reported recent travel from the continental US and were identified in a quarantine facility.

To date, there have been a total of **477** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **5** deaths, **343** released from isolation, and **129** active cases. Of those cases, **426 are classified as civilians** and **51 are military service members**.

### Profiles of Confirmed Cases

STATUS		MEDICAL STATUS <sup>1</sup>		GENDER		RESIDENTIAL LOCATION		TRAVEL HISTORY <sup>3</sup>		AGE GROUP	
Civilian:	426	Stable:	121	Female:	222	North:	250	Dubai:	02	90+:	01
Military:	51	Hospitalized <sup>2</sup> :	08	Male:	255	Central:	126	Japan:	01	80-89:	08
		Released:	343			South:	51	Philippines:	17	70-79:	20
		Deaths:	05			Homeless:	04	Singapore:	01	60-69:	56
						Non-resident:	46	U.S.:	45	50-59:	70
								Mexico:	01	40-49:	80
										30-39:	91
										20-29:	100
										10-19:	32
										0-9:	19

<sup>1</sup>Some cases that were previously released from isolation have tested positive through follow-up testing

<sup>2</sup>Hospitalization rate is based on intake numbers reported by GMH and USNH. This number may be subject to change.

<sup>3</sup>Some cases traveled to more than one country

### Guidance for those with Possible Contact to a Confirmed Case

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) continues contact tracing efforts for all confirmed cases. Those who were in contact with a confirmed case and who have not yet been contacted by DPHSS are advised to follow procedures as listed below:

In accordance with DPHSS Guidance Memo 2020-02, employers are instructed that if an employee has possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection –

- Any employee with cough, fever, or shortness of breath should not come to work. If symptoms occur while at work, the employee should be immediately isolated and sent home.
- Employees may return to work when they meet BOTH of the following criteria.
  - At least three (3) days after resolution of fever (without utilization of fever reducing medications like acetaminophen or ibuprofen) AND improvement in respiratory symptoms; AND
  - At least seven (7) days have passed since symptoms started.
- Employees who are household contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case and do not become ill must stay home and self-isolate for seven (7) days after isolation has been discontinued for the ill household member.
- With the exception of employees working in healthcare operations or facilities and other essential employees, employees who have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in a non-household setting must stay at home and self-isolate for fourteen (14) days

after their last contact with the case even if they do not develop symptoms. Close contact is defined as:

- Being within approximately six (6) feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time (more than ten minutes)
- Having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on)
- Employees who were in the same indoor environment with a COVID-19 case, but not meeting the criteria for a close contact (i.e., being in the same room but more than six (6) feet away from the case) should self-monitor for symptoms for fourteen (14) days after their last contact with the case and isolate if symptoms develop.
- Employees who have had contact with someone who has been exposed to a COVID-19 case or possible case are not directed to isolate unless that person develops symptoms or is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Employers are instructed that employees with mild illness due to suspected COVID-19 infection should not be allowed to report to work. Employers should not require proof of COVID-19 testing either to qualify for sick leave or to return to work.

### **Guidance for those Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms**

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 Talofofu Gym in Talofofu
- Saturday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Umatac Mayor's Office, along Route 2 in Umatac

Those who are unable to go to the community-wide testing and are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, are advised to call their health care provider. If a patient does not have a regular health care provider, they can call the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) at (671) 635-7525/6 to schedule an appointment. The NRCHC COVID-19 testing is available **by appointment only**.

Those experiencing symptoms can also call 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)

The Joint Information Center is aware of caller reports that the medical triage hotline numbers have alerts that the voicemail box is full. Although the voicemail is full for the phone lines, the lines remain operational. The medical triage hotline team logs all missed calls, and callers who are not immediately serviced can expect a return call from a medical triage nurse.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [dphss.guam.gov](https://dphss.guam.gov) or [guamrecovery.com](https://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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