



**Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 269**  
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**Cumulative Results: Forty-Two Test Positive for COVID-19; Profiles of Confirmed Cases;  
 COVID-19 Case Identified at Southern High School;  
 Email Option Now Available for COVID-19 Results**

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 **Monday, August 17, 2020**:

Laboratory	New Cases Reported on Monday, August 17	Samples Tested (August 14 - August 16)	Total Negative Cases (March 12 - August 17)	Total Confirmed Cases (March 12 - August 17, 2020)
Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL)	5	229	15,480	316
Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) <sup>1</sup> /U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam <sup>2</sup>	22	445	3,929	111
Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS) <sup>2</sup>	3	59	4,242	75
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) Laboratory <sup>3</sup>	10	89	3,402	39
Guam National Guard (GUNG) Laboratory <sup>4</sup>	0	0	17	0
Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) Laboratory <sup>5</sup>	1	93	1,030	3
Private Clinics <sup>6</sup>	1	85	115	4
Other Laboratories	0	N/A	N/A	2
Probable cases	0	N/A	N/A	8
<b>AS OF 3:30 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020</b>	<b>Total Confirmed: 42</b>	<b>Total Samples Tested: 1,000</b>	<b>Total Negative Cases (March 12 - August 17): 28,215</b>	<b>Total COVID-19 Cases (March 12 - August 17): 558</b>

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

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

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

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

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

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

A total of 42 cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today. Of the 42 newly confirmed cases, 17 cases were identified through contact tracing and two cases reported recent travel from the US and were identified in a quarantine facility. The rest of the cases are currently under investigation.

To date, there have been a total of **558** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **5** deaths, **352** released from isolation, and **201** active cases. Of those cases, **484** are classified as civilians and **59** 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:	484	Stable:	188	Female:	257	North:	281	Dubai:	02	90+:	01
Military:	74	Hospitalized <sup>2</sup> :	13	Male:	301	Central:	150	Japan:	01	80-89:	08
		Released:	352			South:	70	Philippines:	17	70-79:	21
		Deaths:	05			Homeless:	04	Singapore:	01	60-69:	59
						Non-resident:	48	U.S.:	54	50-59:	77
								Mexico:	01	40-49:	87
										30-39:	110
										20-29:	135
										10-19:	40
										0-9:	20

<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

### COVID-19 Case Identified at Southern High School

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 Southern High School.

On Monday, August 17, 2020, the GDOE was notified that an employee at Southern High 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 Tuesday, August 18, 2020, portions of the Southern High 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.

### **Email Option Now Available for COVID-19 Results**

Beginning Tuesday, August 18, 2020, individual COVID-19 test results can be sent via email to patients who have subscribed to receive their results via DPHSS' Guam Community Health Center's (CHC) secure email service.

To receive individual COVID-19 test results via the secure email service, patients who have already been tested at one of the Community Health Centers or at one of the community outreach sites can send a request to [covidresults@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:covidresults@dphss.guam.gov). Further instructions will be provided via email to patients before COVID-19 test results are sent.

DPHSS advises the public that the CHC COVID-19 secured email address is utilized to **only** send test results to patients. If you have other inquiries about COVID-19 testing, you can visit our website at [dphss.guam.gov](http://dphss.guam.gov), or call 311 from a local number and dial option 1.

For inquiries regarding the new email option, please contact the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) at 635-7525/6.

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