



**Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 272**  
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**Two Additional COVID-19 Cases at Southern High;  
Two GPD Officers Test Positive for COVID-19**

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.

To date, there have been a total of **577** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **5** deaths, **353** released from isolation, and **219** active cases. Of those cases, **503** are classified as civilians and **74** are military service members.

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

**Two Additional COVID-19 Cases at Southern High**

On Monday, August 17, 2020, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) became aware of a confirmed COVID-19 case at both Southern High School (SHS) and Tiyan High School (THS). On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, the GDOE learned of two additional COVID-19 cases at SHS, bringing the total number of confirmed cases at SHS to three.

GDOE is working closely with the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). The contact tracing effort is ongoing and close contacts of the confirmed cases 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). Areas of the SHS campus have been identified for cleaning and disinfecting and will be off limits to personnel until those processes are complete. Parents are asked to contact the school via email at [shsinfo@gdoe.net](mailto:shsinfo@gdoe.net) while the main office is closed for cleaning.

All GDOE employees are reminded to adhere to health and safety protocols while on campus. Not only are schools cleaned and sanitized daily, but other safety precautions are 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 employees to wash hands and sanitize often.

**Two GPD Officers Test Positive for COVID-19**

On Tuesday August 18, 2020, the Guam Police Department (GPD) was made aware of two police officers who had tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently in home isolation. The two officers are assigned to GPD's specialized units, which have minimal contact to the greater community.

GPD is working alongside the DPHSS with ongoing contact tracing with GPD personnel who may have been exposed to the two officers.

In line with GPD's COVID-19 Operations and to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, should any member of the community wishing to file a complaint with any of our four respective precincts, are asked to call the precincts and wait in their car for further instructions from our officers. The following are the telephone numbers to the respective precincts:

- Dededo Precinct Command: 632-9808/11
- Tumon-Tamuning Precinct Command: 649-6330
- Central Precinct Command: 475-8541
- Southern Precinct Command: 472-8915
- Police Dispatch: 472-8911/8615/7

In light of the island moving into PCOR1, the Guam Police Department remains committed in providing safety and security to the greater community and will continue to respond to calls or any emergency needs.

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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