



**Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 278**  
**August 20, 2020, 7:35 p.m. (ChST)**

**Sixth COVID-19 Related Fatality; Additional PCOR 1 Measures Implemented;  
Cumulative Results: 105 Test Positive for COVID-19; Profiles of Confirmed Cases;  
Saturday, August 22 Community Testing Postponed**

The Joint Information Center was notified that at approximately 5:14 a.m. this morning, a 70-year-old male was taken to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) and was pronounced dead on arrival. He was not a known COVID-19 case; however, he was swabbed at GMHA and his results came back positive and the fatality will be counted in Guam's overall COVID-19 case count. The patient had no travel history.

"Today, with great sadness and difficulty, I must announce we have lost another person to this virus. Reporting deaths is never easy, but we can easily forget that the numbers we report represent real people," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "We grieve for him and all the lives we lost in this battle. I have personally reached out to his family to offer our deepest condolences and sympathies on behalf of Lt. Governor Josh and the entire island community."

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/>.

**Additional PCOR 1 Measures Implemented**

Effective 12:00 p.m., August 21, pending an Executive Order, for one week, all businesses will be closed with the exception of grocery stores, healthcare operations, including pharmacies, gas stations, convenience stores, hardware stores, and those operations critical to health, shelter, and the preservation of life. Official guidance with further details will be released by the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) tomorrow.

A hotline will be established for people to call with questions they have regarding these new measures and will be announced once available.

**Cumulative Results**

The following breakdown provides cumulative COVID-19 test results for **Thursday, August 20, 2020**:

Laboratory	New Cases Reported on Thursday, August 20	Samples Tested (August 19)	Total Negative Cases (March 12 - August 20)	Total Confirmed Cases (March 12 - August 20, 2020)
Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL)	20	337	16,334	348

Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) <sup>1</sup> /U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam <sup>2</sup>	71	444	4,378	182
Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS) <sup>2</sup>	6	67	4,446	103
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) Laboratory <sup>3</sup>	2	48	3,519	44
Guam National Guard (GUNG) Laboratory <sup>4</sup>	0	0	17	0
Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) Laboratory <sup>5</sup>	0	45	1,139	4
Private Clinics <sup>6</sup>	6	21	155	13
Other Laboratories	0	N/A	N/A	2
Probable cases	0	N/A	N/A	8
<b>AS OF 7:35 PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020</b>	<b>Total Confirmed: 105</b>	<b>Total Samples Tested: 962</b>	<b>Total Negative Cases (March 12 - August 20): 29,988</b>	<b>Total COVID-19 Cases (March 12 - August 20): 704</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 105 additional cases of COVID-19 were reported today. Of the 105 new cases, 51 cases were identified through contact tracing and eight cases reported recent travel and were identified in quarantine.

To date, there have been a total of **704** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **6** deaths, **381** not in isolation, and **317** cases in active isolation. Of those cases, **578** are classified as civilians and **126** 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:	578	Stable:	304	Female:	319	90+:	01
Military:	126	Hospitalized <sup>2</sup> :	13	Male:	385	80-89:	09
		Released:	381			70-79:	24
		Deaths:	06			60-69:	68
						50-59:	99
						40-49:	104
						30-39:	144
						20-29:	182
						10-19:	51
						0-9:	22

<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

### **Saturday, August 22 Community Testing Postponed**

Community Testing scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2020 at the St. Francis Church and School Parking Lot in Yona has been **postponed**. A new date will be announced at a later time.

DPHSS is reaching its capacity for storage space for specimens and will need more time to be able to run the remaining tests as efficiently as possible. DPHSS assures the public that specimen samples are properly stored and preserved.

Due to the large number of samples submitted for COVID-19 testing to the Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL), DPHSS is informing patients that there will be a delay in issuing individual test results.

Patients can expect to receive their results within seven days. The most vulnerable, including health care workers and those who are close contacts to a positive case, are prioritized. Patients who have not received their results within seven days may contact the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) at (671) 635-7525/6. Patients can opt to receive their COVID-19 test results via DPHSS' Guam Community Health Center (CHC) secure email service by sending 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.

Patients 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) 480-7859/83
- (671) 480-6760/63
- (671) 687-7321
- (671) 685-0358
- (671) 687-6170 (ADA Dedicated Number)

The DPHSS Medical Triage Hotline is available from Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Missed calls or calls going to voicemail will be returned within the day.

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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