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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/>.

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Aggressive contact tracing efforts by the Port Authority of Guam (PAG), in close coordination with the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), has led to the identification of two more employees positive with COVID-19. This brings the Port's total to three employees affected by COVID-19.

The three employees remain in home isolation and their work areas have been deep cleaned. Contact tracing and testing for the first two COVID-19 positives are done, which resulted in identifying the third COVID-19 positive through testing.

The PAG worked closely with DPHSS to coordinate testing of all employees, identified by immediate contact tracing efforts. To date, 126 Port employees have been tested by the DPHSS.

The Port Authority of Guam remains operational.

Five COVID-19 Cases Identified at Four GDOE Schools

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 Marcial Sablan Elementary School, Simon Sanchez High School and John F. Kennedy High School. Two COVID-19 cases were also identified at Astumbo Middle School.

Over the weekend and on Monday, August 24, 2020, the GDOE was notified that five total employees from the aforementioned schools tested positive for COVID-19. Four of these employees were identified and tested as part of contact tracing efforts. This brings the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases at the GDOE to 14. Contact tracing efforts are 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 at each of the campuses have been identified for cleaning and disinfecting. Under the current executive order, GDOE employees are teleworking and will not have access to campuses until cleaning has been completed.

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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