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Eighth and Ninth COVID-19-Related Fatalities

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's eighth and ninth COVID-19-related fatalities occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) today.

At approximately 12:18 p.m. this afternoon, a 61-year-old male with comorbidities, which were further complicated by the virus, passed away. He was transferred to GMH from the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) on August 14 after testing positive for COVID-19.

At approximately 12:23 p.m., the second patient, a 62-year-old female, passed away. She was admitted to GMH on July 10 and had multiple comorbidities. The second patient was a long-time GMH nurse who worked at the ICU and Emergency Department.

"Reporting deaths is never easy, and these recent passings, which happened only five minutes from each other, have been especially difficult. These two people were more than just COVID patients—they had families, friends, and loved ones. I know words are not always enough, but to the people they loved, Jeff, Josh, and I extend our condolences and sympathies," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero.

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 **984** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **9** deaths, **429** not in isolation, and **548** cases in active isolation. Of those cases, **823** are classified as civilians and **161** 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/>.

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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