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Tenth COVID-19 Related Fatality; Governor Signs Executive Order No. 2020-29

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/>.

Tenth COVID-19 Related Fatality

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's tenth COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) today at approximately 10:13 a.m. (ChST). She was 96 years old and was pronounced dead on arrival.

"While there are no words that can truly bring comfort in times like these, to her family, her friends, and to those who loved her, Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I offer our sincerest condolences and sympathies," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "In less than 24 hours, we lost three souls to this virus. To the people of Guam, you are our best tool against this virus. If we each do our part, if we each protect one another with social distancing, hygiene, and mask-wearing, we can prevent more days filled with grief."

Executive Order No. 2020-29

Today, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order No. 2020-29, relative to extending the public health emergency and modification of the Stay-at-Home Order.

Effective on Sunday, August 30, 2020, the public health emergency currently set to expire on August 29, 2020, is extended until September 30, 2020.

Guam continues to be in Pandemic Condition of Readiness (PCOR) I, during which the most restrictive conditions are imposed in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

The Stay-at-Home order first issued in Executive Order No. 2020-28 shall be extended and will continue until 12:00 p.m. on September 4, 2020, unless extended by further order. All persons in Guam are directed to continue stay at home, subject to limited exceptions such as obtaining food and household necessities, going to and from work at authorized businesses as identified in applicable Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) Guidance, seeking medical care, caring for dependents or pets, caring for a vulnerable person in another location, or for individual exercise.

The Government of Guam will continue to operate but with limited public access. Government of Guam agencies shall suspend all customer service functions, except for those critical to the

health and safety of the community, as identified in applicable DPHSS guidance. Available Government of Guam services shall include the treasury, collections and cashier services and certain permitting services necessary to support critical business functions. Government of Guam employees shall continue to work from home unless their in-person services are deemed critical by their respective agencies.

Pursuant to Section 3317, Article 3, Chapter 3 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, all public gatherings or congregations, except as permitted below, are prohibited.

Effective at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2020, religious services and ceremonies may be conducted in parking lots; however, congregants must stay inside their vehicle for the duration of such services, and personal interactions must be avoided except as specifically provided in applicable DPHSS Guidance. Religious organizations and congregants shall additionally observe all mitigation measures imposed in applicable such guidance.

All places of business or public accommodations shall remain closed and prohibited from on-site operations, except as provided herein.

Effective at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2020, the prohibition on operations shall not apply to specifically enumerated businesses as set forth in applicable DPHSS Guidance, which shall include the following: health care operations, including home health workers; operation of public transportation and utilities; grocery stores, farmers' markets, drive-thru food and curbside sales at restaurants, banks and credit unions, insurance companies, construction, automobile repair and parts sales, food delivery, food banks, convenience stores; businesses and non-profit organizations that provide for economically disadvantaged individuals and shelter facilities; pharmacies, health care supply stores, and health care facilities; gas stations; garbage collection; and hardware stores, plumbers, electricians, and other service providers necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences and other essential businesses. Sales of vehicles and real estate operations shall be permitted by appointment only.

All residents must observe strict isolation at home, subject to limited exceptions described in this Order and in applicable DPHSS Guidance. All activities permitted under this Order shall be conducted utilizing mitigation measures imposed in applicable DPHSS Guidance including, but not limited to, social distancing of at least six (6) feet and posting of appropriate signage; frequent cleaning of all surfaces; the wearing of face masks; and permitting and encouraging teleworking. Individuals patronizing authorized businesses or participating in authorized activities under this Order shall follow all mitigation measures imposed by such businesses in furtherance of DPHSS Guidance.

All public schools buildings and facilities shall continue to be closed to all employees unless their in person services are deemed critical by the Guam Department of Education. Instructors may continue providing distance learning services to the extent possible from their homes. Private schools shall be closed to all employees, but may likewise continue to provide distance learning services from home.

Effective at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2020, all Government of Guam parks and beaches shall open for individual use for the purpose of exercise, subject to social distancing mandates. In no event shall public parks and beaches be used to congregate or social gather. Individuals found congregating or socially gathering in public parks or beaches will be subject to removal and/or citation for public nuisance and/or criminal trespass, along with all applicable penalties under Guam law.

Pursuant to Section 3333, Article 3, Chapter 3, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, all persons entering Guam shall be subject to quarantine pursuant to this Section and Sections 19604 and 19605 of Article 6, Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated. Such quarantine will be administered in accordance with applicable DPHSS Guidance, which shall include quarantine in a government qualified facility. DPHSS has established a strict protocol for government quarantine facilities, as well as self quarantine for inbound travelers. Failure to comply with DPHSS quarantine and isolation rules, orders or provisions shall constitute a misdemeanor. Persons subject to isolation or quarantine shall not go beyond the confines of the designated isolation or quarantine premises, including self-quarantine accommodations, and failure to comply with this provision shall constitute a misdemeanor.

No person shall enter isolation or quarantine premises without the express consent of DPHSS, and failure to comply with this provision shall constitute a misdemeanor. DPHSS may issue additional guidance relative to this Section and will strictly enforce its provisions with the assistance of the Guam Police Department.

All prior Executive Orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order.

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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