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Three COVID-19-Related Fatalities Reported

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth COVID-19-related fatalities occurred today.

At approximately 12:04 a.m., a 73-year-old female with underlying health issues, passed away. She was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH).

At approximately 8:30 a.m., the second patient, a 36-year-old female, passed away at GMH. She is the island's second youngest COVID-related fatality.

Both patients were not known COVID-19 cases; however, both were swabbed at GMH and their results came back positive.

At approximately 9:00 a.m., a third patient, a 74-year-old male, passed away at Naval Hospital Guam.

"To the people of Guam, we have had too many days filled with grief and too many lives lost. Thirteen people have succumbed to this virus. Contrary to what some have said, not all of them were elderly—two of them were in their thirties, with their lives ahead of them," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "I ask the island to keep their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers, to not only mourn their passing but to also remember them for the lives they lived."

The three recent deaths will be counted in Guam's overall COVID-19 case count, bringing Guam's total to 13 COVID-19-related fatalities.

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 information on COVID-19 cases, visit the COVID-19 Dashboard and Situation Report at <u>http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/</u>. The COVID-19 Dashboard is updated on business days.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. 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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