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**Twentieth COVID-19 Related Fatality Reported;
Older Adults and People with Serious Chronic Medical Conditions are Most at Risk**

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's twentieth COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) this afternoon at approximately 12:00 p.m. (ChST). The patient was a 60-year-old female with comorbidities that were compounded by COVID-19. She was admitted to GMH on August 27 after testing positive at Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) that same day.

"Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I join this woman's family and friends in mourning for her loss and in remembrance for the life she lived," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "This virus has taken too much too soon. All of us need to do what we can to protect our loved ones and our entire island community. Do what we know works: stay home, wear your masks, and wash your hands. That is how we can end this fight."

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 <http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/>. The COVID-19 Dashboard is updated on business days.

Older Adults and People with Serious Chronic Medical Conditions are Most at Risk

Older adults and individuals with serious chronic medical conditions have a higher risk of getting very sick with COVID-19. Serious chronic medical conditions include:

- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Lung disease

Symptoms of COVID-19

Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

This list is not exhaustive of all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

If you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please call your health care provider. If a patient does not have a regular health care provider, they can call any of the Community Health Centers or 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) 480-6760/3
- (671) 687-7321
- (671) 685-0358
- (671) 998-4442/60/74/80
- (671) 687-6170 (ADA Dedicated Number)

If you are severely ill, call 911 immediately.

The medical triage hotline is available Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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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