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**Twenty-seventh COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported;
GBHWC Crisis Hotline Available 24/7**

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's twenty-seventh COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) today at approximately 3 p.m. (ChST). The patient was a 45-year-old female and had underlying health conditions. She was initially admitted to GMH on August 17 and subsequently tested positive for COVID-19.

"As we mourn the passing of this woman, we must also remember her for the life she lived. To her family, friends, and those who cherished her, Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I send our deepest condolences and sympathies," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "What we are seeing among COVID-19 deaths across the nation are rapid declines in health, sudden deaths, and the inability to be with loved ones in their final moments. COVID-19 has changed the way we mourn—we can't grieve with family, we can't comfort each other, and we can't hold each other. I urge everyone to do what they need to do to prevent any more losses."

GBHWC Crisis Hotline Available 24/7

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at **(671) 647-8833/4**. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of 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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