



**Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 341**  
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**Thirty-first COVID-19 Related Fatality; Cumulative Results: Thirty-two Test Positive for COVID-19; Profiles of Confirmed Cases; GBHWC Crisis Hotline Available 24/7**

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's thirty-first COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) this afternoon at approximately 4:48 p.m. (ChST). The patient was a 77-year-old female and had underlying health conditions. She was admitted to GMH on August 27 and tested positive during initial work-up.

"With each passing due to COVID-19, the families are not the only ones at a loss—our entire island community suffers as well. Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I express our deepest condolences and sympathies to her family, friends, and loved ones," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "Almost every day of this month, we have announced the death of one of our own, and we are reminded of just how fragile life can be. Let us continue to treat each other with love and compassion. As we grieve, we should remember our blessings and remain unwavering in our resolve to beat COVID-19."

**Cumulative Results**

The following breakdown provides cumulative COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Thursday, September 17 and reflects results from Wednesday, September 16:

Laboratory	New Cases Reported on Thursday, September 17	Samples Tested on Wednesday, September 16	Total Negative Tests (March 12 - September 17)	Total Confirmed Cases (March 12 - September 17, 2020)
Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL)	16	175	23,054	927
Department of Defense (DoD)	2	59	6,394	449
Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS)	6	81	6,304	323
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) Laboratory	1	32	4,506	176
Guam National Guard (GUNG) Laboratory	0	0	17	0
Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) Laboratory	4	34	2,251	101
Private Clinics	3	21	682	67
Other Laboratories	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
<b>AS OF 7:40 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020</b>	<b>Total Confirmed: 32</b>	<b>Total Samples Tested: 402</b>	<b>Total Negative Tests: 43,208</b>	<b>Total COVID-19 Cases: 2,045</b>

Of the 32 newly confirmed cases, 16 cases were identified through contact tracing.

To date, there have been a total of **2,045** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **587** cases in active isolation and **1,427** not in active isolation. Of those cases, **1,782** are classified as civilians and **263** are military service members.

As of today, September 17, there have been **31** COVID-19-related fatalities. One COVID-19 case was reported deceased at GMH on September 17. Though the fatality was reported by the Joint Information Center today, it will not be officially included in the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) COVID-19 Situation Report until tomorrow, September 18.

### Profiles of Confirmed Cases

STATUS	MEDICAL STATUS	GENDER	RESIDENTIAL LOCATION	TRAVEL HISTORY <sup>3</sup>	AGE GROUP
Civilian: 1,782 Military: 263	Stable: 543 Hospitalized <sup>1</sup> : GMH: 43 ICU: 19 GRMC: 1 ICU: 0 Naval Hospital: 0  Released <sup>2</sup> : 1,427 Deaths: 31	Female: 912 Male: 1,133	North: 1,043 Central: 575 South: 323 Homeless: 04 Non-resident: 52	Dubai: 02 Japan: 01 Philippines: 20 Singapore: 01 U.S.: 105 Mexico: 01  Identified in Quarantine <sup>4</sup> : 102	90+: 05 80-89: 23 70-79: 60 60-69: 168 50-59: 295 40-49: 320 30-39: 422 20-29: 491 10-19: 169 0-9: 92

<sup>1</sup>Hospitalization rate is based on intake numbers reported to the JIC. This number may be subject to change.

<sup>2</sup>Some cases that were previously released from isolation have tested positive through follow-up testing

<sup>3</sup>Some cases traveled to more than one country

<sup>4</sup>Includes home/self-quarantine and quarantine in a Government of Guam facility

### 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.

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.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [dphss.guam.gov](http://dphss.guam.gov) or [guamrecovery.com](http://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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