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Two Additional COVID-19-Related Fatalities Reported; GBHWC Crisis Hotline Available 24/7

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's thirty-second and thirty-third COVID-19-related fatalities occurred.

At approximately 6:45 p.m. (ChST), a 92-year-old female with underlying health conditions passed away at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH). She was admitted to GMH on August 27 and tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 upon admission.

At approximately 6:59 p.m. (ChST), a 56-year-old female with underlying health conditions passed away at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC). She was admitted to GRMC earlier today and was a known COVID-19 positive case.

"Our island suffers with each passing, and making these announcements will always be difficult for me. We are reminded of the fragility of life and are forced to confront our mortality. Losing a loved one is always hard and the pain is incomprehensible. Not only did this virus take them away from us, it has taken away moments they should have shared with their family and friends beside them," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I express our deepest condolences and sympathies to the families who have lost so much. You remain in our thoughts and prayers."

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.

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 <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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