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**Profiles of Earlier Confirmed Cases; Safeguarding Against Illegal Disinfectants;
 Establishment of COVID-19 Transport Units**

COVID-19 test results are reported from multiple labs at varying times of the day. The cumulative total from all labs will be reported on a nightly basis. Updated results will be provided this evening, once all tests from today are completed.

Preliminary Profiles of Confirmed Cases

Profiles of the 136 COVID-19 cases include three probable cases (formerly referred to as clinically diagnosed cases), reports of 11 confirmed positive cases received from the U.S. Naval Hospital that were tested by the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) in San Diego, and five confirmed positive cases through Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS).

To date, there are 136 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 114 recoveries and 5 deaths. The Joint Information Center reports fatalities of confirmed COVID-19 cases only. As this is an evolving situation, information is subject to change with little to no notice.

For updated information on COVID-19 cases on Guam, including residential villages of confirmed cases, visit the COVID-19 Dashboard at <http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/>.

MEDICAL STATUS		GENDER		RESIDENTIAL LOCATION		TRAVEL HISTORY*		AGE GROUP	
Stable:	14	Female:	73	North:	69	Dubai:	02	90+:	01
Hospitalized:	03	Male:	63	Central:	43	Japan:	01	80-89:	04
Recovered:	114			South:	22	Philippines:	11	70-79:	11
Deaths:	05			Homeless:	02	Singapore:	01	60-69:	35
						U.S.:	05	50-59:	25
								40-49:	24
						*Some cases traveled		30-39:	14
						to more than one		20-29:	14
						country		10-19:	07
								0-9:	01

Guam EPA , U.S. EPA Region IX Safeguard Against Illegal Disinfectants

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) has received reports from the public about the presence of illegal disinfectants that have been imported into Guam. With the assistance of the Department of Revenue and Taxation, at least five businesses have been identified for the retail and distribution of illegal disinfectants that make claims to combat SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Stop sale orders were issued to these

businesses. Upon completion of Guam EPA’s investigation, further enforcement action may ensue.

Guam EPA reminds the public to exercise caution when purchasing disinfectants. Disinfectants are antimicrobial chemicals designed to destroy microorganisms. The product label on the disinfectant must be in English and must include:

- An EPA Registration number
- An EPA Establishment number
- Manufacturer’s name
- Directions for use
- Instructions for storage and disposal

Please visit www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2 to view a list of products that have been proven safe and effective for use against the virus that causes COVID-19.

With the public’s assistance, Guam EPA has discovered the sale of at least two illegal disinfectants in the local market:

- Virus Shut Out
- Island Strong Cl02 Chlorine Dioxide Hand & Surface Disinfectant Spray

If not properly tested and registered with the U.S. EPA, the use of these products, and other illegal disinfectant products could have toxic effects on humans and animals.

If you are a private resident in possession of these products, you are urged to dispose of them immediately at the Guam Solid Waste Authority’s (GSWA) Hazardous Household Waste Facility in the Harmon residential transfer station from Thursday – Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. As a reminder, the use of all GSWA residential transfer station services by non-residential entities is prohibited.

If you would like to report business for selling illegal disinfectants, please contact the Joint Information Center, or email covid19@epa.guam.gov.

Establishment of COVID-19 Transport Units

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented global challenges, most notably for Emergency Medical Services. Guam is further constrained due to the tyranny of distance and isolation from neighboring islands and the United States. Anticipating an increase in the number of COVID-19 patients, the Guam Fire Department (GFD) has developed a plan to commission the COVID Transport Unit (CTU): two teams dedicated to transporting symptomatic, but otherwise stable, ambulatory patients.

“The intent of this program is to protect our personnel and extend the sustainability of our response efforts well into the coming months, as we battle the spread of this disease,” said Fire Chief Daniel Stone.

Battalion Chief Edward Chaco added, “By providing an alternate mode of care and transportation for these patients, we decrease the risk of exposure to our personnel, minimize contamination of our emergency response vehicles and equipment, and ultimately reduce the crisis workload so our ambulances can be utilized for emergency calls.”

These specialized units, operating out of the Astumbo and Yona Fire Stations, will provide prompt care for patients experiencing non-life-threatening, COVID-19 related symptoms, effective Tuesday, April 21.

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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