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**Simon Sanchez High School Closes Following Positive COVID-19 Case;
New Hours of Operation for DPHSS Division of Environmental Health's Processing Center**

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.

To date, there have been a total of **449** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **5** deaths, **341** released from isolation, and **103** active cases. Of those cases, **398 are classified as civilians** and **51 are military service members**.

For updated information on COVID-19 cases on Guam, visit the COVID-19 Dashboard and Situation Report at <http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/>.

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The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) is working closely with the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) to conduct contact tracing after a confirmed COVID-19 case was identified at Simon Sanchez High School.

On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, the GDOE was notified that an employee at Simon Sanchez High School tested positive for COVID-19. The contact tracing effort is ongoing and close contacts of the confirmed case will be contacted directly by DPHSS. A close contact is an individual who has come in face-to-face contact with a confirmed COVID-19 individual for at least 10 minutes or more and within six feet, or who has had direct contact with infectious secretions of the confirmed COVID-19 individual (e.g. being coughed on). Both the confirmed case and close contacts will not be permitted to return to campus until cleared by DPHSS.

Beginning Thursday, August 13, 2020, Simon Sanchez High School will fully close for the remainder of this week. The school is expected to reopen by the first day of classes on Monday, August 17, 2020.

Daily precautions are taken at GDOE school sites to safeguard the health and safety of employees, students, and families. Not only are schools cleaned and sanitized daily, but other safety precautions in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to include the following: required face coverings for all students and staff; temperature screening upon arrival; 6 feet physical distancing; regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and common areas; and encouraging students/employees to wash hands and sanitize often.

New Hours of Operation for the DPHSS Division of Environmental Health's Processing Center Section

The Processing Center Section (PCS) for DPHSS' Division of Environmental Health (DEH) will be open under new hours of operation. DEH's PCS issues Health Certificates, Sanitary Permits, and Guam Controlled Substances Registrations. The section will begin processing at 8:00 a.m.

instead of 9:00 a.m., and will be closed for lunch. Effective August 12, 2020, PCS will institute the following office hours:

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Monday through Friday, except on observed Government of Guam Holidays

For further information or questions, please contact PCS at 300-9579.

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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