





Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 782 September 9, 2021, 8:10 p.m. (ChST)

> 155th COVID-19-related Fatality Reported; COVID-19 Hospital Census: 76; COVID-19 Test Results: 215 New Cases; Isolation Clearance Letters Available for Pick Up; COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Schedule; Additional Updates

155th COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported

The Joint Information Center (JIC) was notified that Guam's 155th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital at approximately 8:03 p.m. on September 8, 2021. The patient was a 54-year-old male, vaccinated, with multiple underlying health conditions, who tested positive upon arrival.

"Jeff, Josh, and I offer our thoughts and sincerest condolences to his family and friends as our island is beset with the devastating effects of the pandemic," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "A renewed commitment to keep each other safe and mitigate against the spread is the best way to pay tribute and honor each life lost to this deadly virus."

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed, or need 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.

76 Hospitalized for COVID-19 – 44 Unvaccinated

The Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH), Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC), and U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam report the following COVID-19 hospital census, as of 6 p.m.:

CENSUS	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	43	30	3	76
ICU	4	3	0	7
Ventilator	1	1	0	2
Vaccination Status	22 UNVACCINATED	22 UNVACCINATED 1 UNKNOWN	UNAVAILABLE	44 UNVACCINATED

COVID-19 Test Results: 215 New Cases of COVID-19

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported **two hundred fifteen (215)** new cases of COVID-19 out of **1,197** tests performed on September 8. **Sixty-four** (64) cases were identified through contact tracing. To date, there have been a total of **12,034** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **155** deaths, **2,550** cases in active isolation, and **9,330** not in active isolation. **The CAR Score is 43.1.**

Isolation Clearance Letters Available for Pick Up at DPHSS Hagåtña Office

Isolation clearance letters will be available for pick up for those who were in isolation after testing positive for COVID-19. These clearance letters may be provided to your employer or school.

Clearance letters for those who tested positive for COVID-19 between August 9 to August 29 will be available at the DPHSS main office located at 155 Hesler Place in Hagåtña beginning Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Clearance letters will also be available on Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For directions to the DPHSS main office, visit https://goo.gl/maps/BXUTfi4Z2fqeD7UT8. Please enter the DPHSS building through the double glass doors of the Division of Environmental Health.

Free COVID-19 Testing Schedule

COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING SCHEDULE – FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED				
Friday, September 10 - Saturday, September 11	8 a.m 12 p.m.	Old Carnival Grounds, Tiyan, Barrigada Rapid antigen testing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No symptoms are needed. Bring a photo ID.		

For quicker service, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing</u> to download, print, and complete a <u>COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form</u> before arriving at the testing site. Only four (4) people per vehicle are allowed to be tested. Minors must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian and provide government-issued identification to validate age. The parent/legal guardian will also be required to sign a consent form. Testing for travel purposes will **not** be conducted at DPHSS drive-thru testing sites and must be scheduled with the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) by calling (671) 635-7525/6.

The community is reminded to monitor for symptoms and get tested if they are identified as close contacts to confirmed positive cases or are experiencing any of the known COVID-19 symptoms, which include, but are not limited to:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fever
- Chills

- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

This list is not exhaustive of all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Individuals waiting for COVID-19 test results must quarantine at home until cleared by DPHSS. Individuals whose test results are positive and who are at high risk for serious illness will be given information on outpatient monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS - Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson

Friday, Sept. 10 - Saturday, Sept. 11	11 a.m 6 p.m.	University of Guam Field House, Mangilao Register for at tinyurl.com/vaxguam Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will expedite. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is at 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 11	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Micronesia Mall, 2nd Floor, Above Center Court, Dededo Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will expedite. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is at 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 10	1 p.m 4 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

Four GDOE Employees Test Positive for COVID-19

Today, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) confirmed positive cases for COVID-19 involving **four (4)** employees. The employee cases were identified at D.L. Perez Elementary School, Finegayan Elementary School, Astumbo Middle School, and Okkodo High School. In collaboration with the DPHSS, GDOE has identified and notified teachers as well as parents of students who may have been in contact with the index case in order to schedule testing. Tested individuals will remain in quarantine until they are cleared by DPHSS. Cleaning and disinfecting of areas of the campuses are taking place.

P-EBT Updates

DPHSS will continue distributing Supplemental Assistance Program (SNAP) Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Cards through Saturday, September 11. The P-EBT is federally funded and offered through the Food and Nutrition Services of the United States Department of Agriculture.

P-EBT Cards distribution is as follows:

P-EBT DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE			
September 10	9 a.m 6 p.m.	Bureau of Economic Security (BES) Ran-Care Commercial Building – Tamuning 2 nd Floor (Located across National Office Supply)	
September 11	10 a.m 4 p.m.	Register at <u>tinyurl.com/pebtguam</u> (Appointments only due to limited parking and lobby capacity)	

Parents who visited the troubleshooting table at the initial site at the Micronesia Mall and were informed they will be contacted about their children's cases do not need to schedule an appointment. You will be notified when you can pick up your child's card.

School-aged students are eligible for P-EBT if they:

- were eligible to receive free or reduced-price school meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP); or
- received such meals because their school is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) but did not receive meals at school due to COVID-related closures or virtual learning.

Requirements for P-EBT distribution are as follows:

- Registration at tinyurl.com/pebtguam
- Valid picture ID such as a Driver's License, Guam ID, military ID or Passport. Photocopies of IDs are not accepted.
- Written authorization is not acceptable.
- You must be the registered parent/guardian for your child with GDOE. If you are not the registered parent/guardian, a P-EBT card WILL NOT be issued to you. If your child is an active member in another SNAP household, then a card will be issued to the head of household in that SNAP case.
- P-EBT Cards are issued to Child Protective Services (CPS) for children identified as a ward of the court or under the care of CPS. They will be contacting families directly.
- If the parent/guardian name is not listed, a DPHSS P-EBT Student Verification of Enrollment Form will be issued at the distribution site. This form will be taken back to the child's respective school, where GDOE staff will complete and validate the form. Parents will then return the form to the troubleshooting table at the distribution site.
- Individuals, who have legal and/or temporary custody or Power of Attorney (POA), please ensure the guardianship is recorded and reflected in GDOE's PowerSchool system.

P-EBT ISSUANCE SCHEDULE FOR GDOE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS			
First Issuance	\$422.41	September 11, 2021	
Second Issuance	\$310.83	September 18, 2021	
Third Issuance	\$294.89	September 25, 2021	
Final Issuance	\$215.19	September 30, 2021	

Benefits may be available between 12 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the dates specified above. P-EBT benefits are valid for one (1) year. School-aged students are eligible for P-EBT if they:

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For more information, please contact the P-EBT call center by calling 311 and dialing option 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Food Commodities Distribution Continues

GDOE, State Agency for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) under the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Nutrition Service distribution will be available to village constituents only on a first-come, first-served basis. Distribution is limited to three households per vehicle at the sites. Face masks must be worn; bring a photo ID.

Date	Location	Distribution Method - While Supplies Last	# of Bags
Friday, Sept. 10	Mangilao	Drive-thru distribution will be held from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Mangilao Night Market Grounds for 600 Mangilao constituents only, while supplies last. For more information, contact the Mangilao Mayor's Office at 734-2163.	600

Yona	Drive-thru distribution will begin at 10 a.m. at the Yona Gymnasium for 350 Yona constituents only, while supplies last. For more information, contact the Yona Mayor's Office at 789-1525/4798.	350
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Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update

As of September 8, 137 additional residents received their first dose in a two-dose series, 34 residents received their dose in the single-dose series, and an additional 201 residents have become fully vaccinated. To date, a total of 111,613 (81.89%) of Guam's eligible population (residents 12 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This percentage includes 9,174 fully vaccinated residents between the ages of 12 – 17, as well as Guam's fully vaccinated adult population of 102,439.

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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GUAM COVID-19 UPDATE

JIC Release No. 782 Supplemental - Data as of September 8, 2021 COVID AREA RISK (CAR) SCORE: 43.1

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CASE COUNT	TOTAL	REPORTED TODA	AY PA	ST 7 DAYS
COVID-19 CASES	12,034	215		1,125
CONFIRMED	11,243	156		832
PROBABLE	791	59		
TESTING	TOTAL	TODAY	7-DAY	% POSITIVE
DIAGNOSTIC	227,544	1,197		16.5%
MOLECULAR	208,333	991		16.9%
ANTIGEN	19,211	206		15.3%
SEROLOGY	403	0		33.3%
STATUS	TOTAL	ISOLATION LOC	ATION	TOTAL
COVID-19 Death	155	Hospital		76
Active Isolation	2,550	Home		2,290
Not In Isolation	9,330	Isolation Faci	lity	85
Civilian	11,287	Military		99
Military	747			
CENSUS	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID ADMISSION	43	30	3	76
IN ICU	4	3	0	7
ON VENTILATOR	• 1	1	0	2
Vaccine/Vaccinator	1st Doses	2nd Doses	Fully Immu	ınized
Pfizer-BioNTech	73,139	64,035	64,035	
Moderna	32,073	30,299	30,299	
Johnson & Johnson Jansse	n -	-	6,080	
Department of Defense			10,45	8
Guam National Guard			741	
TOTALS:	105,212	94,334	111,613 (12 yea	rs & older)

Total Allotted

243,980

% Administered

84.28%

Private GovGuam Total Administered

205,626

Doses Remaining

38,354