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223rd COVID-19-related Fatality Reported; COVID-19 Updates: Cumulative Test Results: 91 New Cases, 52 Hospitalized; Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Booster Village Clinic Schedule

223rd COVID-19-related Fatality Reported

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's 223rd COVID-19 related fatality occurred at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) on October 15, 2021. The patient was a 68-year-old male, vaccinated, with underlying health conditions. He tested positive on October 6.

"We cannot begin to imagine the devastation felt by the families who have experienced the greatest of loss during this pandemic. For each of you in this most difficult time, Jeff, Josh, and I express our deepest condolences," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "While we cannot bring back those who have fallen to this virus, we have the power to prevent more days of sadness and mourning by using all the tools available to us, including testing, treatment, and vaccinations."

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE. Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. Seek emergency medical care immediately or call 911 if you have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or bluish lips or face.

CENSUS as of 5 p.m	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	30	22	0	52
Pediatric Admissions	2	-	-	2
ICU	8	3	0	11
Ventilator	7	2	0	9

52 Hospitalized for COVID-19

VACCINE STATUS	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	INELIGIBLE
Hospitalized	22	29	1
Total in Population	122,240	13,206	32,039
Rate per 100,000 Population	18*	220*	3*

SPECIAL NOTE: Based on today's data, if we were to compare two (2) hypothetical populations of 100,000 people each, vaccinated versus unvaccinated, there would be 18 vaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19 compared to 220 unvaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19. The risk of being hospitalized for COVID-19 is about 12 times higher for the unvaccinated as compared to the vaccinated.

Cumulative COVID-19 Test Results: 91 New Cases of COVID-19 from October 15 - 17Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported 13 new cases of COVID-19 out of 200 tests performed on October 17. Three (3) cases were identified through contact tracing. An additional **78** cases were also reported today as a result of complete analysis and case submissions from other clinics for preliminary COVID-19 test results reported October 16 - 17. Official case counts for the past weekend results are as follows:

- October 16: **101** of **1,439** test positive for COVID-19 (<u>51 cases previously reported</u>). **46** cases were identified through contact tracing.
- October 17: 82 of 853 test positive for COVID-19 (<u>54 cases previously reported</u>). 21 cases were identified through contact tracing.

To date, there have been a total of **16,991** officially reported cases, **223** deaths, **2,562** cases in active isolation, and **14,206** not in active isolation. The CAR Score is **17.5**.

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING SCHEDULE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED		
Tuesday, October 19 - Saturday, October 23	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. Four per vehicle. No symptoms are needed. Bring a photo ID

For more information, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing</u>.

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Booster Village Clinic Schedule

COVID-19 vaccine booster village clinics are being offered by DPHSS in partnership with the Mayors' Council of Guam for Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine recipients who completed their initial two-dose series at least 6 months ago and are 65 years and older. For appointments, register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme or call your village mayor:

FREE COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATION VILLAGE CLINICS:			
8:30AM – 1:30PM (for 65 and older)			

DATE	VILLAGES SERVED	LOCATION
October 20	Hågat/Sånta Rita-Sumai	Hågat Gym
October 21	Inalåhan/Talo'fo'fo'	Inalåhan Mayor's Office
October 25 – 26 November 16	Dededo	Dededo Senior Center
October 27	Piti/Asan Maina	Asan Maina Mayor's Office
November 1	Yigo	Yigo Gym
November 18	Tamuning	Tamuning Senior Center
November 8 – 10	Mangilao/Barrigada/Chalan Pago-Ordot/MTM/Yona	UOG Field House
November 15	Dededo	Astumbo Senior Center

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Booster Shots Available

Booster Shots are available at the University of Guam Calvo Field House for people who had a normal immune response to the first two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, but because of time, antibody levels are beginning to wane. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is the only FDA authorized vaccine to administer as a booster. The following groups of people are eligible for a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech if they completed the Pfizer-BioNTech series (first two doses) and it has been 6 months or more since the second dose:

- Anyone age 65+
- Anyone age 18+ with underlying medical conditions
- Anyone 18+ with an elevated risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission due to their occupation (e.g. healthcare workers, law enforcement, fire, K-12 teachers and support staff, university faculty, daycare employees, food and agriculture workers, manufacturing workers, USPS workers, corrections workers, public transit workers, grocery store workers) or living settings

If eligible, please make your Booster Shot appointment at <u>tinyurl.com/vaxguam</u>. Walk-ins are accepted but should be prepared for longer wait times.

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson		
Tuesday, October 19	8 a.m 12 p.m. & 1 p.m 4 p.m.	Port Authority of Guam, Piti In front of the former Port Clinic next to the Main Administration Building. Open to all port employees, port users and members of the public. The vaccines will be available for anyone who is eligible and the booster shots will be available based on the eligibility criteria established by DPHSS
Everyday EXCEPT Thursdays and Sundays	11 a.m 5 p.m.	University of Guam Field House, Mangilao Register at <u>tinyurl.com/vaxguam</u> Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will expedite. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is at 4:30 p.m.
Thursday – Saturday	11 a.m 4 p.m.	Micronesia Mall, 2nd Floor, Above Center Court, Dededo Register at <u>tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme</u> Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will expedite. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is at 3:30 p.m.
Every Monday	9 a.m 12 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.
Every Tuesday and Wednesday	9 a.m 12 p.m.	DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, Inalåhan Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.
Every Friday	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.

X-ray Imaging at GMHA for Halloween Treats Unavailable This Year

The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) today announced that their free x-ray imaging for Halloween treats is unavailable this year. Suspension of this traditionally free service is part of GMHA's COVID-19 mitigation measures as the hospital continues pandemic response operations to promote the safety of its patients, staff and the community.

Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update

As of October 16, **178** additional residents received their first dose in a two-dose series, **38** residents received their dose in the single-dose series, and an additional **201** residents have become fully vaccinated. To date, a total of **122,240** (**89.69%**) of Guam's eligible population (residents 12 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This percentage includes **11,698** fully vaccinated residents between the ages of 12 - 17, and **110,542** fully vaccinated adults. **6,177 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech** vaccine have been administered to eligible residents as either a booster or an additional dose. **148 doses of the Moderna** vaccine have been administered as an additional dose to eligible residents.

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