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Second COVID-19 Related Death on Guam; Nine Test Positive for COVID-19

Breaking News Found at Governor Leon Guerrero's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/govlougum/>

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 11:32 a.m. (ChST), Guam's second COVID-19-related death occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH). The patient presented at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) on March 24, 2020 and was transferred to GMH where he remained in isolation throughout the week.

The patient was 79 years old with underlying health issues, which were compounded by COVID-19. The patient had no recent travel history but initial investigations indicate the patient may have contracted COVID-19 from community contact.

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and her chief medical advisers, Dr. Mike Cruz and Dr. Joleen Aguon, urge everyone to continue to stay home, exercise good hygiene, wash your hands, and practice social distancing by maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet between yourselves and others. These measures are the most effective things the community can do to combat the spread of COVID-19.

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833.

COVID-19 Test Results

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) tested 31 individuals for COVID-19 on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 with conclusive results. Nine (9) tested positive through DPHSS and 19 tested negative for SARS-CoV-2. The DPHSS overall count also includes four positive cases that were tested by the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) in San Diego.

To date, a total of 69 cases tested positive with 7 patients who have recovered and 2 deaths.

Tested by DPHSS Guam Public Health Lab (GPHL)	Tested by NHRC	Total
65	4	69

All 60 remaining cases tested by GPHL and NHRC are in isolation.

For inquiries on COVID-19, local numbers can call 311 or contact the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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