



# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update

## Yap Department of Health Services

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### In YAP:

# of confirmed cases in Yap: **0**

# of current PUI

in Yap: **1**  
*(Person Under Investigation is one who has COVID-19 symptoms.)*

# of PUM in Yap: **0**  
*(Person Under Monitoring is one without symptoms but has been in contact with a PUI or confirmed case, or has come from a place with confirmed COVID-19 cases and requires quarantine monitoring.)*

### In FSM:

# of confirmed cases in Chuuk: 0  
Pohnpei: 0  
Kosrae: 0

### North Pacific Region:

# of confirmed cases in  
Guam: 133 (5 deaths)  
CNMI: 11 (2 deaths)  
Palau: 0  
RMI: 0

### Globally as of 4/11/20:

# of confirmed cases: 1,610,909

# of deaths: 99,690

### SUMMARY OF COVID-19 SITUATION—Report # 12

**International:** The FSM is one of fifteen countries left in the world that does not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those 15 countries, 10 are in the Pacific and they include: Tonga, Nauru, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau and the FSM.

**Regional:** On April 10, 2020 Guam Governor Lou Leon Guerrero said that most positive COVID-19 cases in Guam resulted from social gatherings, family gatherings as well as large gathering places citing church gatherings and birthday parties as examples.

“It just proves the point that if we all limit those social gatherings, if we don’t do those social gatherings, we can start seeing less positive cases,” she told Pacific Daily News.

**Local:** In Yap, on April 12, 2020 the 7 remaining PUM who flew in from Palau on March 28, 2020 were released from the State Quarantine facility at Colonia Middle School in Dinay. Like all other PUM released last week they were advised to go home and further isolate and home quarantine for another 14 days just to be safe.

On April 11, 2020 Yap DHS released its notice on the Interim Guidelines on Cargo Handling at Air and Sea Ports to ensure all those handling cargo are doing so safely. One of the guidelines relates to the requirement of four day-light days of quarantine for all cargo upon arrival regardless of transport mode. This is a safety measure to reduce the risk of possible COVID-19 germs on cargo surfaces. Given this four days of mandatory quarantine for all cargo, the public is advised not to have any fresh produce or frozen foods sent by plane to Yap as there is no cold storage facilities at the airport where the cargo can be placed for four days untouched before it can be safely cleared.

On April 10, 2020 Yap Hospital received one PUM recently released from the Sports Complex Quarantine facility presenting with COVID-19 like symptoms. The person was admitted into isolation and classified as a Persons Under Investigation (PUI) having come from Guam, a COVID-19 area. Test samples for the PUI will be sent to the Guam Public Health Lab for testing on the April 16, 2020 flight. It will take a couple of days before the test results are known.

In the meantime as a safety measure, the PUI is not allowed to leave their room or have any visitors or attendants while in isolation. Also, all the PUM who did their quarantine time at the sports complex are asked to not leave their homes as they are all still under the 14 days home quarantine order given them upon their release on April 2, 2020. The same request applies to all the other PUM’s released thereafter from Yap High School and Colonia Middle School to observe the additional 14 days home quarantine as an added safety measure.

If any PUM feels sick while under home quarantine please call the COVID-19 hotline 350-4161 as soon as possible for advice and further instructions . Do not wait. We are here to help you.

On April 10, the Yap DHS and the Health Crisis Taskforce decided that the two outer islands of Lamotrek and Elato were to be placed under 14 days quarantine and were not to be serviced by the MV Hapilmohol which is now on its way back to Yap from Chuuk.

The reason for this action was to safeguard the ships passengers and crew by minimizing the risk of exposure to possible COVID-19. This risk came from the crew of one of two foreign yachts that went up on Elato and mingled with the islanders and given the inter island travel by the islanders between Elato and Lamotrek, it was decided it was safer for the ship to bypass the two islands as a safety measure for all those travelling on the ship heading back to Yap.

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