



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: **2**
(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**

Nth Pac. Region:

of confirmed cases in
Guam: **135**
(5 deaths)
CNMI: **13**
(2 deaths)
Palau: **0**
RMI: **0**

Globally as of 4/15/20: WHO Sit Rep

of confirmed cases: **1,914,916**
of deaths: **123,010**

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International: Below are excerpts from remarks WHO Director General Dr. Tedros A. Ghebreyesus gave in a April 13, 2020 media briefing.

“Some countries and communities have now endured several weeks of social and economic restrictions. Some countries are considering when they can lift these restrictions; others are considering whether and when to introduce them. In both cases, these decisions must be based first and foremost on protecting human health, and guided by what we know about the virus and how it behaves,” he said.

“Evidence from several countries is giving us a clearer picture about this virus, how it behaves, how to stop it and how to treat it. We know that COVID-19 spreads fast, and we know that it is deadly – 10 times deadlier than the 2009 flu pandemic. We know that the virus can spread more easily in crowded environments like nursing homes. We know that early case-finding, testing, isolating caring for every case and tracing every contact is essential for stopping transmission”.

“Control measures can only be lifted if the right public health measures are in place, including significant capacity for contact tracing. But while some countries are considering how to ease restrictions, others are considering whether to introduce them – especially many low- and middle-income countries...”

To support countries in making these decisions, WHO published its updated strategic advice on April 14, 2020. The new strategy summarizes what WHO has learned and charts the way forward. It includes six criteria for countries as they consider lifting restrictions:

First, that transmission is controlled; **Second**, that health system capacities are in place to detect, test, isolate and treat every case and trace every contact; **Third**, that outbreak risks are minimized in special settings like health facilities and nursing homes; **Fourth**, that preventive measures are in place in workplaces, schools and other places where it’s essential for people to go; **Fifth**, that importation risks can be managed; and **Sixth**, that communities are fully educated, engaged and empowered to adjust to the “new norm”.

National: In a handover ceremony on April 14th, 2020, the Honorable Livingston A. Taulung, Secretary of the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs and Chair of the COVID-19 Task Force, received His Excellency Huang Zheng, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China (China) who presented, on behalf of the people and Government of China, medical supplies and a cash donation of \$100,000 to assist the FSM in combatting the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ambassador Huang noted that he is working hard to acquire a second shipment of medical supplies, to include ventilators, for the FSM.

Local: Yap DHS presently has two PUI in isolation at the hospital. The first PUI was admitted on April 10 and the second PUI on April 15. Samples of both PUI sent to Guam Public Health Lab for testing on April 16, 2020. Test results should be back in a couple of days. The two PUI were part of the Sports Complex Quarantine group. All PUM’s from that group have been notified of the two PUI’s and to take extra steps to isolate themselves further from family members during this additional 14 days home quarantine and if anyone of them feels sick to contact the COVID-19 hotline on 350-4161 as soon as possible. Do not wait. Contact tracing for the two PUI’s is already underway. There was a person, who came in sick with severe respiratory distress secondary to pneumonia and placed in isolation for observation but passed away within 24 hours of admission.

Meanwhile, on April 16, 2020 Yap State Governor Henry Falan, by recommendation of the Yap DHS and Health Crisis Task-force, released Executive Decree 2020-005 Restricting the Movement of the people by imposing a curfew between the hours of 7pm and 6am each day. Effectively immediately, every person is to be indoors from 7pm to 6am every day. Any person out on the road or roaming during this time must have a valid permit issued by the Governors office. This curfew is in place until further notice. It must be noted here that the police under this curfew decree have the right to take necessary force to prevent movement during this time if they feel this decree is being breached without good cause. And any harm, including injury or death, that may result to any persons from enforcement of this curfew decree, is not prosecutable by law in any civil or criminal court. Any person found guilty of violating this decree can be fined up to \$1000 and imprisoned for up to a term of one year.

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