



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: **0**
(Person Under Investigation is one who has COVID-19 symptoms.)

of PUM in Yap: **23**
(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: 113 (4 deaths)
CNMI: 8 (2 deaths)
Palau: 0
RMI: 0

Globally as of 4/6/20:

of confirmed cases: 1,210,956

of deaths: 67,594

SUMMARY OF COVID-19 SITUATION—Report # 10

International: Almost 90 per cent of the world’s students are now affected by nationwide school closures – that’s more than 1.5 billion children and young people. Together with UNICEF and the International Publishers Association, the World Health Organization has launched the 'Read the World' children’s reading initiative.

“WHO is committed to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic on all fronts, especially when it comes to protecting young people,” said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus at the April 2, 2020 launch. “We understand the fear and anxieties many feel and know how the joy of reading can stimulate young minds, ease tensions and provide hope.”

National: On April 7th, 2020, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), announced the FSM COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package. The Stimulus Package has an initial financing need of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000). Over the next several weeks, the President, his Cabinet, and Congress will work together with the Nation’s friends, allies, and development partners to fund the package which intends to, among other means of assistance, directly replace lost wages for those who have been laid off as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic’s unprecedented scale and reach.

The first phase of the FSM Economic Stimulus Package, as agreed with the 21st FSM Congress, will focus on helping the tourism sector businesses who have suffered the most immediate impact from the COVID-19 Pandemic. This will be in the form of salary subsidies, to keep as many people in this sector working as possible, as well as to compensate businesses that continue to operate while experiencing a significant decline in income.

“This literally means cash in hand,” President Panuelo said in a statement. “For the FSM State of Yap for example, the tourism sector represents hundreds of jobs providing for thousands of people; the Economic Stimulus Package intends to subsidize their salaries so that citizens can worry less about where tomorrow’s meal is coming from, and more about how to protect their family from COVID-19.”

Other components of the first phase—as proposed—include tax, social security, and debt relief to qualified businesses. The Executive Branch is seeking to formalize these proposals into legislation during the 5th Special Session of the 21st FSM Congress, to be held remotely from April 13th to April 17th, 2020.

Local: On April 6, 2020, 36 PUM were released from the Yap High School quarantine facility and encouraged to go home and continue voluntary isolation at home for another 14 days to ensure they are all clear. On April 8, the remaining PUM at the Yap High School will be released and encouraged to do the same. All PUM’s upon release are given take home packets containing fliers and brochures with information on COVID-19 and encouraged to share their quarantine experience with their families including what they learned about this new virus while doing their 14 days and how to protect themselves.

Family members of the quarantined PUM’s are invited to call in to the COVID-19 hotline on 350-4161 on behalf of their PUM family member or friend and report back what they learned about COVID-19 from the PUM after their release. This is also a good opportunity for the PUM family and friends to give feedback and suggestions to our DHS and Health Crisis Taskforce on the PUM’s quarantine experience and suggest ways to improve on the initial quarantine set up to be better prepared for future PUM’s should the need arise. The 7 PUM who came in from Palau on March 28, 2020 and currently serving their quarantine time at the Dinay Middle School are set to be released on April 12, 2020 provided no one falls sick with COVID-19 like symptoms. This group will also be advised to continue voluntary home quarantine for a further 14 days upon their release.

After this additional 14 days is completed without incident as this is the last PUM group from off island, DHS will allow resumption of PMA passenger flights to the outer islands. Presently only cargo travel is being allowed. On April 6, 2020 Yap State Governor, Henry Falan, signed an amendment to the Emergency Declaration Relating to Travel Ban exempting the MV Hapilmohol, currently servicing Chuuk, to allow it to come back into Yap waters and its passengers to disembark.

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