



# 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: **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: **186**  
(5 deaths)  
CNMI: **30**  
(2 deaths)  
Palau: **0**  
RMI: **0**

## Globally as of 6/16/20: WHO Sit Rep

# of confirmed cases: **7,941,791**  
# of deaths: **434,796**

## SUMMARY OF COVID-19 SITUATION—Report # 36

**National:** The FSM Public Information Office reported that on June 12, 2020 the Honorable Kandhi Elieisar, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, received His Excellency Hidenobu Sobashima, Ambassador of Japan, in a signing ceremony for Japan to offer the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) 382 million Japanese Yen (approximately \$3,500,000) for the procurement of medical equipment. Also in attendance at the ceremony was Mr. Moses Pretrick, the Department of Health & Social Affairs' Manager for Environmental Health & Preparedness.

Under the current crisis, Ambassador Sobashima said: ““where the countries with vulnerable health systems are facing particularly large impacts, we would like to emphasize the importance of strengthening health systems in addition to specific countermeasures for the patients. With these considerations and in view of the needs of the [FSM], Japan will offer this time the cooperation of grant assistance amounting to 382 million Japanese Yen or about 3.5 million U.S. dollars for the procurement of medical equipment made in Japan.” Ambassador Sobashima noted his hope that this cooperation will help the FSM win the fight against COVID-19.

**Local:** The Yap Department of Health Services, in spite of all its inherent material and human resource limitations, is continuing its in- house COVID-19 preparedness and response planning activities with key frontline personnel across the department.

In Capacity Building, clinical nurses are undergoing infection and prevention control training including correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE). They are also refreshing and updating on nursing practice standards of care for patients including learning and familiarizing themselves with the floor plans and workflow for the isolation facilities. Public Health personnel are being trained on how to do Port of Entry (POE) screenings and contact tracing.

The CDC, through Dr. Thane Hancock, has provided Yap DHS a COVID-19 Workbook, modelled on the Guam experience with COVID-19. This workbook is designed to help Yap DHS frontline personnel use it as a step by step preparation guide of all the things that need to be considered and put in place before the first COVID-19 case is identified in Yap to ensure our COVID-19 containment system is strong.

On the inventory side, stock take of medicines, supplies and equipment are being done for the two hospital isolation rooms and the temporary isolation facility at the Dinay Early Childhood Center (ECE). 20 new isolation beds will arrive into Yap later this month along with 200 oxygen tanks and more PPE coming in July. There are now 13 working ventilators, 10 of which are new. DHS also has two storage containers donated by IOM for its use.

On the Lab front, funding for the expansion of lab facilities, was submitted by Yap's Governor Henry Falan on June 8, 2020 to the FSM President David Panuelo as part of Yaps \$1.2million share of the US CARES Act funding. \$483, 643.65 is the estimated cost for expanding the lab facilities and \$52,775.00 for the purchase of 10 self contained portable folding container houses that will act as isolation units. Under this same funding there is also \$280,390.20 to construct three school toilet and shower facilities for when schools become emergency shelters such as in the case of COVID-19 if they need to be used as quarantine facilities.

Important points to remember. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 can be any or all of the following: Runny Nose and/or Dry Cough and/ or Sore throat for 3-4 days and/or Generalized body pain and/or Shortness of Breath and/or Fever and/or Diarrhea and Loss of taste and/or smell.

Call the COVID-19 Hotline on 350-4161 if you feel or fall sick with any one of the above symptoms before you go to the hospital for advice and further instructions.

## **HEALTH ADVICE FOR PREVENTION OF COVID-19**

1. Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds regularly or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol and rub for 15 seconds. No more hand shaking!
2. Avoid unnecessary touching of your face ( esp. nose, mouth, eyes).
3. Always cover your mouth and nose when you cough/sneeze with tissue and then dispose properly.
4. Stay healthy (eat well, sleep enough, exercise, take breaks, wash betelnut/leaf before chewing).
5. Avoid mass-gatherings and public community events.
6. Practice social/physical distancing—keep 6 ft. away from others.

**FOR REGULAR COVID-19 UPDATES:** Radio V6AI 1494 AM or KUTE 89.9 FM ( every Wed) or the Yap State Media and Protocol FB Page. Also check out the Wa'ab Community Health Center FB Page.