



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: **169** (5 deaths)
CNMI: **22** (2 deaths)
Palau: **0**
RMI: **0**

Globally as of 5/25/20:
WHO Sit Rep
of confirmed cases: **5,304,772**
of deaths: **342,029**

SUMMARY OF COVID-19 SITUATION—Report # 31

International: W.H.O. Situation Reports show that globally, the number of reported confirmed corona virus or COVID-19 cases has now passed five million cases with more than 300,000 deaths. Over the past six days, since May 21, 2020 the daily average of the number of new COVID-19 cases reported is around 100,000 per day and COVID-19 deaths is just over 4000 per day.

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is fortunate to be one of only 12 WHO member states remaining that still have no confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ten of those 12 member states are in the Oceania region and include: Tonga, Samoa, Nauru, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Republic of Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau and the FSM.

National: Office of the FSM President shared via its Facebook page that on May 21st, 2020 the Honorable Livingston A. Taulung, Secretary of the Department of Health & Social Affairs, received His Excellency Huang Zheng, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China (China) on behalf of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), at a FSM National Government warehouse. The purpose of the meeting was for China to formally handover approximately 10,000 medical face masks, 200 sets of protective clothing, and 1,000 pairs of medical gloves, in addition to a \$50,000 cash donation, to assist the National and State Governments in tackling the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This is the second wave of assistance from China, as the National Government had previously taken receipt of \$100,000 of financial support and an additional \$150,000 equivalent in donations of personal protective equipment for first responders. It was noted that China had also donated \$20,000 of assistance to Pohnpei State directly, as a sign of the Great Friendship between the FSM and China.

In the discussion between Secretary Taulung and Ambassador Huang, it was noted that, through the Great Friendship between the FSM and China, additional assistance will be forthcoming. Ambassador Huang advised that, when a vaccine is available, the people and Government of China will ensure that the vaccine is given to the international community, including the FSM. “We really believe that this Pandemic is a global humanitarian crisis,” Ambassador Huang said. “The virus respects no borders, and global cooperation and solidarity is the strongest weapon to fight it.”

Local: The Yap Department of Health Services (DHS) has shared the outcome of the first ever fumigation efforts in Ulithi by the Environmental Health (EH) team that returned from Ulithi recently.

The EH team lead by Charles Futumai and Patricia Bugulmed, completed fumigation on 43 households in Mogmog and 9 community houses including the early childhood center, elementary school and dispensary. In Falalop, Ulithi they fumigated a total of 56 households and 8 community houses including teachers quarters, Outer Island High School, early childhood center, elementary school and dispensary.

One challenge reported by the EH team was rainy weather during their visit, which they were concerned could impact the effectiveness of the fumigation. There were also concerns expressed by the local dispensary board members that island residents were not adhering to their calls for island wide cleaning to minimize or eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites. The Falalop Dispensary Health Assistant is also requesting that the Health Crisis Taskforce send up a team to conduct COVID-19 awareness on the islands.

For COVID-19 testing, the Yap Lab has finished validation on the GeneXpert platform so can now start running COVID-19 tests on this machine in addition to the Abbott ID NOW machine it has already set up. To date our Lab has sent off a total of 6 PUI samples to Guam Public Health Lab (GPHL) for testing, all of which came back negative. Then the Yap Lab conducted its first ever COVID –19 tests on April 24, 2020 on the 2 PUI who were retested after their initial GPHL COVID-19 tests came back negative, to ensure a second negative test before their release from hospital isolation. Then on May 8, 2020, 12 PUM were tested for COVID-19 with negative results before their release from quarantine on May 9. To date a total of 14 COVID-19 tests have been done locally on island.

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 V6Al 1494 AM (Mon., Wed., Fri.) & Yap State Media and Protocol FB Page. Also check out the Wa’ab Community Health Center FB Page.