



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update

Yap Department of Health Services

May 31, 2020



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: 173 (5 deaths)
CNMI: 22 (2 deaths)
Palau: 0
RMI: 0

Globally as of 5/30/20:
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of confirmed cases: 5,817,385
of deaths: 362,705

SUMMARY OF COVID-19 SITUATION—Report # 33

International: On May 29, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) shared in a press release that thirty countries and multiple international partners and institutions have signed up to support the COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) an initiative aimed at making vaccines, tests, treatments and other health technologies to fight COVID-19 accessible to all.

“Global solidarity and collaboration are essential to overcoming COVID-19,” said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “Based on strong science and open collaboration, this information-sharing platform will help provide equitable access to life-saving technologies around the world.”

The COVID-19 (Technology) Access Pool will be voluntary and based on social solidarity. It will provide a one-stop shop for scientific knowledge, data and intellectual property to be shared equitably by the global community. The aim is to accelerate the discovery of vaccines, medicines and other technologies through open-science research, and to fast-track product development by mobilizing additional manufacturing capacity. This will help ensure faster and more equitable access to existing and new COVID-19 health products.

National: The FSM Public Health Emergency Declaration banning all travelers from abroad into the FSM expired on May 31, 2020 and there is no indication if the FSM President or FSM Congress will extend it for another 30 days which effectively opens up the FSM borders. However, the three other FSM States of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae still have their respective State Emergency Declarations in place. Yaps Emergency Declaration expired on May 28, 2020 and while the Yap State Governor has accepted the recommendations of the Yap Department of Health Services and the Health Crisis Taskforce to keep the Yap borders shut no official declaration has been put out yet.

Meanwhile, information coming out of the FSM Public Information Office indicates that there are 52 FSM citizens in the United States (US) who have tested positive for the corona virus, with 19 recovered and 8 deaths. Of the 52 cases, the Pohnpeian population living in the US has reported 43 confirmed corona virus cases with 15 recovered and 4 deaths. The Chuukese population living in the US has reported 6 confirmed corona virus cases with 2 recovered and 4 deaths. The Kosrae population living in the US has reported 3 confirmed corona virus cases, with 2 recovered and no deaths. The Yapese population living in the US has not reported any COVID-19 positive cases nor any COVID-19 deaths.

Local: The Yap Department of Health Services has submitted its Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Plan to the FSM National Department of Health and Social Affairs along with the other sister States who also have submitted similar plans. The FSM DHSA, will review all plans and share them with international and regional partners like the United Nations Children’s International Fund (UNICEF), WHO, Pacific Community (SPC) and others to see where the regional agencies can assist with provision of funds, material resources, training and other technical assistance needs based on the respective state plans.

The Wa’ab Community Health Center has been granted supplemental funding for COVID-19 activities. These include \$150,000 for COVID-19 related testing and \$707,780 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to prepare the WCHC sites to be ready to respond to COVID-19. The funding supports the WCHC’s ability to detect, prevent, diagnose, and treat COVID-19. The award will also help maintain or increase health center capacity and staff.

For your information, these Yap COVID-19 Situation Reports (Sit Reps) updates will no longer be coming out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week starting June. From today on our COVID-19 situation reports will only be updated once a week on Wednesdays. Additional days will be reinstated when needed.

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.