



# 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: 12  
*(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: 151  
( 5 death)  
CNMI: 15  
(2 death)  
Palau: 0  
RMI: 0

### Globally as of 5/6/20:

**WHO Sit Rep**  
# of confirmed cases: 3,588,773  
# of deaths: 247,503

### SUMMARY OF COVID-19 SITUATION—Report # 23

**International:** W.H.O. has launched a new COVID-19 Supply Portal. The COVID-19 Supply Portal is a purpose-built tool to facilitate and consolidate submission of supply requests from national authorities and all implementing partners supporting COVID-19 National Action Plans. Those requests will then be matched against purchasing agencies of the Consortia that can execute the order and process it, utilizing their existing ordering systems. A catalogue of items that can be requested is available online and is broadly divided into three categories: personal protective equipment, diagnostics, and clinical management.

The Portal is accessed via the COVID-19 Partners Platform, and provides further information including a video and guide to requesting and receiving supplies and frequently asked questions. Guidance on its roll-out and use has been provided to the UN Development Coordination Office, WHO Regional Directors, UN agencies and other key actors. WHO is preparing a circular to introduce the Portal to Member States and national authorities.

**Local:** This week has been a busy week for Yap Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Health Crisis Taskforce partners to help the Department of Education (DOE) get prepared to receive students back into public schools starting next week Tuesday May 12, 2020 .

Both DHS and DOE have agreed to a set of Interim School Preparedness Guidelines for all school staff and students to follow during this COVID-19 global pandemic when school is in session. IOM, EPA and DOE did inspections this week to do needs assessment on what each school has or lacks for prevention of COVID-19 and other diseases that could cause outbreaks. Things like hand wash stations, hand sanitizers, working restrooms, running water, clean yards and classrooms arranged to accommodate the 6 feet social physical distancing. Environmental Health Services (EHS) carried out fumigation at the public schools. Public Transportation System (PTS) was briefed and given a checklist on how the school buses should be managed when transporting passengers during this time of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

PMA also resumed its passenger flights to Ulithi and Fais this week to the delight of many passengers who had been stranded here during the intra island travel ban which is now lifted.

The Immunization program continues to visit select households and families on island to administer the MMR vaccine to children under 6 years of age who are not up to date on their MMR vaccination. MMR vaccine is for measles, mumps and rubella.

The DHS is working with the family of a person who died in Saipan whose remains are awaiting repatriation back to Yap. This will be the second human remains to be sent back to Yap since the COVID-19 global pandemic started. The human remains is scheduled to arrive into Yap next week, provided the family can meet the requirements of the Interim Guidance on Repatriation of COVID-19 related Human Remains to Yap.

On May 6, 2020, Yap DHS had its weekly zoom conference call with the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) joined by representatives from partner agencies like the US CDC, W.H.O, FSM National Health and the US Embassy. It was an opportunity for Yap to update the group on its COVID-19 preparedness. The group advised Yap that a second shipment of COVID-19 test kits would be coming in and that FEMA has given FSM 30 ventilators of which 5 are earmarked for Yap. In return, Yap DHS was asked to put together a virtual presentation for next weeks call for all the partners to see first hand Yap's progress thus far. Yap was commended for all its efforts so far in preparing for the COVID-19 should it enter Yaps shores and for not having any confirmed COVID-19 cases up to this point.

Another critical area for adequately dealing with COVID-19 is staff preparedness through capacity building. Since April, the Yap DHS and partners have been conducting in house and online trainings in different subject areas to be better prepared to handle and deal with COVID-19. Trainings have covered the Basics of Prevention of COVID-19 for Public Health and Community Health Center workers; Ventilator Use for clinical and medical staff; Collection of Nasopharyngeal Swabs for medical and lab staff; Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Use and Work Safety for hospital laundry workers, cleaners and security guards; and Infection Prevention and Control for all clinical staff. Another key area of training done with relevant staff was laboratory biosafety training including management of spills of infectious materials and wastes; proper use of biological safety cabinet, PPEs, and sharp containers; engineering and administrative controls; clinical microbiology for two staff and remote training of ID NOW COVID-19 testing platform and practical training onsite.

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 more recently 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.

**FOR REGULAR COVID-19 UPDATES:** Radio V6AI 1494 AM (Mon., Wed., Fri.) 8:45am in English. 9.45am and every hour after till 10.45pm in local languages; & 5pm News Bulletin. Also check out <https://www.facebook.com/Waab-Community-Health-Center-554531107958008>