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Second COVID-19 patient passes away

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC), has confirmed that a second COVID-19 patient passed away today, April 7, 2020 at CHCC.

The patient was a 77-year-old female and a CNMI resident with underlying medical conditions. She was seen at CHCC on March 28, 2020 and was considered to be a Person Under Investigation (PUI). She was admitted to CHCC hospital to closely monitor her COVID-19 diagnosis and underlying co-morbidities. CHCC had already initiated contact tracing of the deceased's close contacts.

As of today, April 7, 2020, there are eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases in the CNMI.

“On behalf of the people of the CNMI, we extend our deepest condolences and prayers to the family of another member of our community. This is a battle that cannot be won if we do not fight this together. Our COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC will continue to work hard to protect everyone in the CNMI with the test kits, medical resources, and protective equipment we are getting from our federal partners,” said Governor Torres.

“We are deeply saddened by the passing of our community member. Our thoughts are with the deceased’s family during this difficult time. We will render all necessary assistance to her family. I understand that CNMI residents will be affected by this news. Let’s take a moment to reflect and may our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time for the family. We must take courage and continue to play our part to fight this virus,” said CHCC CEO Esther L. Muña.

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