

# HEALTH ADVISORY



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION  
**GOVERNOR'S COVID-19 TASK FORCE**



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 4, 2020

### **Two new cases of COVID-19 in the CNMI**

*Total number of cases now at 26*

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) would like to inform the public that two (2) additional people have been confirmed to have COVID-19.

The individuals were passengers of the May 30, 2020 United Airlines flight from Guam and originated from the US Mainland. They were tested and confirmed positive at CHCC Laboratory on June 4, 2020.

The two individuals are females, —one 15-year-old and one 56-year-old— are asymptomatic, and are being safely monitored in isolation.

CHCC contact tracing teams are still investigating the source of infection for the person confirmed positive for COVID-19 yesterday, but have identified no links to previous infections.

This brings the total number of COVID-19 cases in the CNMI to 26 since March 28, 2020.

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC would like to assure the public that even with the additional cases, the CNMI Community Vulnerability Level remains at **YELLOW** because of a greater number of negative results among an increasing number of residents being tested. We would like to encourage the community to continue to be cautious while in public settings. You can reduce your chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 through the precautionary measures described below.

### **STAY AT HOME, STOP THE SPREAD**

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice **social distancing**, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene:

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic:

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
  - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
  - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
  - Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Limiting visitors

The CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, please contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, please reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis please call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, please call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, please follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmiccc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit [www.governor.gov.mp](http://www.governor.gov.mp) and please follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at [www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19](http://www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19).

### **Rumor Control – Stop the Spread of Misinformation**

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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