



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

FSM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL AFFAIRS

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GLOBAL OVERVIEW

The FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak that was first detected in December 2019 in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Since its detection in PRC, COVID-19 cases had spread globally and on March 11, 2020 WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a Pandemic. Globally, as of August 28, 2020, there have been over 24.3 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 [12,734,23 in Regions of the Americas; 4,100,893 in Europe; 1,865,731 in Eastern Mediterranean; 3,821,367 in South East Asia; 472,172 in Western Pacific; and 1,026,101 in Africa], including over 828,000 deaths reported to WHO. Global Case Fatality Rate is 3.4%.

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

In the Pacific Islands Region, as of August 28, 2020, there have been 9,718 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported [7,542 in Hawaii; 1,232 on Guam; 424 in Papua New Guinea; 415 in French Polynesia; 54 in the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI); 28 in Fiji; and, 23 in New Caledonia].

441 new cases were reported in the past 24 hours (306 in Hawaii; 18 French Polynesia; 112 in Guam; 5 PNG).

A total of 72 deaths had been reported [56 in Hawaii; 4 in PNG, 10 on Guam and 2 in CNMI] with proportional fatal cases of 0.7% [1 death in Guam reported in the past 24 hours]

FSM'S SITUATION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- As of **August 28, 2020** there is still **NO CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in the FSM.
- President Panuelo signs nation-wide Social Distancing Decree (**August 25, 2020**) [http://gov.fm/files/August_25_Decree_on_Social_Distancing_Measures_during_COVID-19_1.pdf].
- FSM Risk Communication Committee continues to provide technical assistance to the state Risk Communication & Community Engagement Committees. Bi-weekly calls Tuesdays provide platform for technical assistance via Zoom. [Latest call was on **August 25, 2020**].
- In the early hours of **August 24, 2020**, a humanitarian flight touched down in Pohnpei State to deliver additional COVID-19 supplies. The flight is a collaborative effort to deliver donations from various partners (WHO, UNICEF, Jack Ma Foundation). The flight departed shortly after 11am on the same day.
- FSM National Assessment Team in partnership with WHO deployed to Kosrae to follow up on latest state-run repatriation simulation exercise (**August 22, 2020**). 3Kosraean students from Xavier High School, who were stranded in Pohnpei were successfully repatriated to their home island aboard the same vessel.
- Point of Entry training (PPE use and self-protection, risk management, Human rights, document examination) was conducted with the FSM National Police (**August 21, 2020**).
- FSM National Taskforce shares plans during the 7th Special Session with the 21st FSM Congress to continue to pursue finalizing the pre-repatriation quarantine procedures of stranded citizens in Guam. (**August 18, 2020**)
- FSM COVID-19 Implementation of Response Framework -2nd Update Report endorsed and disseminated (**August 10, 2020**)
- FSM and Partners (WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, IOM, CDC, SPC, PIHOA, etc) continue to provide assistance to all 4 FSM States in building their readiness and capacity for surveillance & early detection, risk communication, infection control, quarantine, isolation, contact tracing, case management, and laboratory testing.
- FSM National and State Governments provide regular advice and messages to the general public to:
 - **Remain calm**
 - Watch out for signs and symptoms of COVID-19: **cough, fever and difficulty breathing**. If you developed any of these symptoms, call your local Health Department [Chuuk: 330-2214; Kosrae: 370-3012; Yap: 350-2110; Pohnpei: 320-3109] and share previous travel history
 - If you have a flu-like illness, stay home and rest until well
 - Wash hands frequently with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer
 - When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue
 - Help raise awareness on COVI-19 at home, school, church, workplace, village or community
 - Implement social distancing at home, workplace, church, village, funerals and social gatherings.