



# 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 September 11, 2020, there have been over 27.7 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 [14,337,245 in Regions of the Americas; 4,645,519 in Europe; 2,055,446 in Eastern Mediterranean; 5,067,207 in South East Asia; 530,403 in Western Pacific; and 1,101,618 in Africa], including over 899, deaths reported to WHO. Global Case Fatality Rate is 3.3%.

### REGIONAL OVERVIEW

In the Pacific Islands Region, as of September 11, 2020, there have been 3,198 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported [1,758 on Guam; 820 in French Polynesia; 59 in the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI); 26 in New Caledonia; 32 in Fiji; and, 503 in Papua New Guinea]. Hawaii reported 9,304 cases. Ninety-two (92) new cases were reported in the past 24 hours in the Pacific Islands Region (47 in French Polynesia; 45 in Guam). A total of 110 deaths had been reported in the Pacific Islands Region and Hawaii [81 in Hawaii, 20 on Guam, 5 in PNG, 2 in Fiji and 2 in CNMI]. The proportional fatal cases reported in the Region is 0.9%.

### FSM'S SITUATION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- As of **September 11, 2020** there is still **NO CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in the FSM.
- FSM DHSA continue to push PPE humanitarian donations (August 24, 2020) to the states; Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Yap DHS has received their shares; Chuuk share has been loaded and prepared for shipping on FSM Navigator slated for September 11, 2020;
- FSM Department of Justice team deployed to Chuuk to conduct the Social Distancing Decree training (**September 12, 2020**)
- FSM DHSA submitted procurement request for 1 incinerator unit for Kosrae this week.
- FSM Repatriation Protocol Guidelines and Humanitarian Assistance Guidelines drafted and under review by the technical working group (**September 9, 2020**); FSM Rational Use of PPE Guidelines still under review.
- FSM is planning to deploy National Assessment Team to Yap to assess Yap's readiness to repatriate citizens; micro-planning and travel arrangement are underway.
- People's Republic of China donated 30 folding container units for isolation and quarantine; (Chuuk-12, Pohnpei-10, Yap-4, Kosrae-4); anticipated arrival of containers is on September 29, 2020
- The Guam Memorial Hospital continues to peak at capacity as hospitalization rise and the number of COVID-19 patients in need of critical care [WHO Daily Update – **September 10, 2020**]
- Pohnpei State shared their Situation Report No. 41 (**September 4, 2020**); Chuuk shared their Situation Report No. 18 (August 21, 2020); Kosrae's latest report is Situation Report No. 23 (July 18, 2020) and Yap's last update was on (March 19, 2020); Full reports can be found on the DHSA social media outlet, facebook page, @fsmhealth.fm
- Kosrae State shared their exit report on the island-wide community engagement activity (**September 8, 2020**) and can be found on facebook, @fsmhealth.fm
- PIHOA CDC (USAPI COVID-19) weekly report shared (**September 7, 2020**) and available on facebook, @fsmhealth.fm
- FSM Risk Communication Committee conducted technical assistance call with state Risk Communication & Community Engagement Committees (**September 8, 2020**)
- Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) with Santa Fe (Guam) for its quarantine services in FSM's repatriation activities is reported to be signed (**September 11, 2020**); MOA with Health Services of the Pacific (HSP)-Guam still under review by the FSM Department of Justice.
- 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: 350-4161; 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 COVID-19 at home, school, church, workplace, village or community
  - Implement social distancing at home, workplace, church, village, funerals and social gatherings.