



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 18, 2020, there have been over 29.9 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 [15,095,402 in Regions of the Americas; 5,011,212 in Europe; 2,165,227 in Eastern Mediterranean; 5,768,599 in South East Asia; 546,790 in Western Pacific; and 1,131,482 in Africa], including over 942,989 deaths reported to WHO. Global Case Fatality Rate is 3.1%.

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

In the Pacific Islands Region, as of September 18, 2020, there have been 3,871 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported [2,045 on Guam; 1,190 in French Polynesia; 62 in the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI); 26 in New Caledonia; 32 in Fiji; and, 516 in Papua New Guinea]. [11,052 in Hawaii]

88 new cases were reported in the past 24 hours in the Pacific (55 French Polynesia; 32 in Guam; 1 CNMI).

A total of 43 deaths had been reported in the Region [6 in PNG, 2 in French Polynesia, 2 in Fiji, 31 on Guam and 2 in CNMI] in addition to 102 in Hawaii. The proportion of fatal cases reported in the Region is 1.1%.

FSM'S SITUATION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- As of **September 18, 2020** there is still **NO CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in the FSM.
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Health Services of the Pacific (HSP) for medical monitoring and testing services during quarantine on Guam finalized today (**September 18, 2020**). Companion MOA with Santa Fe Hotel for quarantine services on Guam nearly finalized.
- FSM Repatriation Protocol Guidelines, Maritime Guidelines, Humanitarian Assistance Guidelines and Rational Use of PPE Guidelines under final review by the technical working group (**September 18, 2020**).
- Pohnpei State and FSM finalizing list of initial 30 repatriates (medical patients and their attendants, students and medical officers) stranded on Guam.
- (**September 15, 2020**) FSM Task Force received request from the FSM vessel Chief Mailo (in Philippines) to make port in the FSM (Chuuk); several crew members of the ship got infected with COVID-19 but have since recovered without complications. Chuuk State Task Force denied the request. The FSM Task Force has been tasked to develop a specific SOP to address such criteria and situations like the vessel in question. FSS Voyager is currently dry docked in Japan.
- Pohnpei State POE team, enhanced their SOP by further differentiating deplaning and disembarking; the addition to the SOP is based on the "nature and priority of work"; deplaning will be limited to staying within the airport; disembarking will be exiting the airport and will require pre-arrival quarantine measures; refer to Guidelines for Humanitarian Assistance for more information (**September 14, 2020**).
- On **September 12, 2020**, a FAA technician arrived in Pohnpei State on the APA flight to assist with its airport safety compliance inspection. The duration of his stay was less than 24 hours; the assistance was strictly within the airport complex following strict POE measures. Technician departed on the next flight on September 13, 2020.
- FSM Department of Justice deployed to Chuuk to conduct the Social Distancing Decree training (**September 12, 2020**).
- COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operation (CDC) was shared with the FSM (**September 17, 2020**).
- The FSM National Assessment Team is ready to be deployed to Yap as soon as transportation logistics and arrangements are confirmed.
- Pohnpei State submitted its SitRep No. 44 this week. Recent submissions from other States (Chuuk SitRep No. 18; Kosrae SitRep No. 23; the last update received from Yap was in March 2020).
- Chuuk State shared its COVID-19 Deceased Protocol completed on **August 25, 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: 350-4161; 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 physical distancing at home, workplace, church, village, funerals and social gatherings.

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