



# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## FSM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL AFFAIRS



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### GLOBAL OVERVIEW

The FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak, first detected in December 2019 in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of the People's Republic of China (PRC). On March 11, 2020, WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a Pandemic. Globally, as of September 25, 2020, there have been nearly 31.8 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 including 973,653 deaths reported to the WHO. The Global Case Fatality Rate is 3.1%.

Americas	15,872,421	Eastern Mediterranean	2,285,565
South Eastern Asia	6,436,394	Africa	1,161,212
Europe	5,450,309	Western Pacific	591,666

### REGIONAL OVERVIEW

In the Pacific Islands Region, as of September 25, 2020, there have been 4,390 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported. A total of 54 deaths have been reported in the Region with the proportion of fatal cases of 1.2%. A total of 108 new cases were reported in the past 24 hours (75 in French Polynesia, 28 in Guam and 5 in Papua New Guinea).

Country/Island	Confirmed Cases		Deaths
Guam	2,263	↑	38
French Polynesia	1,469	↑	5
Papua New Guinea	531	↑	7
Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)	69	-	2
New Caledonia	26	-	0
Fiji	32	-	2

Hawaii reported 11,661 confirmed cases, with 121 deaths.

### FSM'S SITUATION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- As of **September 25, 2020** there is still **NO CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in the FSM.
- (September 23, 2020)** President redirects repatriation efforts to bring stranded FSM citizens from COVID19-free countries and territories first, starting with the Republic of the Marshall Islands; specific protocols are being developed by the FSM Taskforce.
- (September 25, 2020)** Repatriation plans for stranded FSM citizens in Guam and Hawaii are indefinite at the moment.
- FSM Seaport & Airport Travelers Guidelines (Humanitarian Guidelines, Repatriation Guidelines, Seaport Guidelines (September 21, 2020) to be updated to accommodate repatriation efforts from RMI and other COVID19-free jurisdictions.
- No new development since the FSM request for pilot from Kiribati to assist with the piloting CIA planes. No response from Kiribati since FSM sent diplomatic note for request (July 2020);
- (September 25, 2020)** FSM vessel Chief Mailo is currently in the Philippines awaiting re-entry permit into the FSM. FSS Voyager is currently dry docked in Japan.
- FSM Department of Justice departed to Pohnpei from Chuuk after conducting the Social Distancing Decree training **(September 24, 2020)**.
- Schedule and logistics for deployment of the National Assessment Team to Yap to assess its readiness for repatriation is still being planned with FSM TC&I.
- (September 18, 2020)** Pohnpei State shares Sit-Rep #44; Latest submissions (Chuuk Situation Report No. 18; Kosrae Situation Report No. 23; Yap's last update was on (March 19, 2020);
- FSM Risk Communication Committee convened to shared updates from state Risk Communication & Community Engagement activities via Zoom teleconference. FSM DHSA anticipating rolling out web page for all FSM COVID-19 resources by the end of the week; FSM Risk Communication Committee submits request to FSM National Taskforce for assistance on establishing the nation-wide COVID-19 hotline, short-code 4000.

- 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 Government continues to provide regular advice and messages to the general public to:**

Remain Calm;

Watch out for signs and symptoms of COVID-19: **Cough, Fever, Difficulty Breathing, Loss of Sense of Smell and Taste;**

If you have 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 a 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.



If you develop any of the symptoms, call your nearest local Health Department and share previous travel history.

Chuuk: **330-5442**

Kosrae: **370-3012**

Pohnpei: **320-3109**

Yap: **350-4161**

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