



# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## FSM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL AFFAIRS

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### GLOBAL OVERVIEW

The FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs (DHSA) 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 have spread globally and on March 11, 2020 WHO characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic. Globally, as of April 27, 2020, there have been 2,810,325 confirmed cases of COVID-19 [1,341,851 in Europe; 1,094,846 in Regions of the Americas; 142,639 in Western Pacific; 165,369 in Eastern Mediterranean; 44,592 in South East Asia; and 20,316 in Africa], including 193,825 deaths reported to WHO. Global Case Fatality Rate is 6.9%.

### REGIONAL OVERVIEW

In the Pacific Islands Region, as of April 27, 2020, there have been 855 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported [599 in Hawaii; 141 on Guam; 57 in French Polynesia; 18 in New Caledonia; 18 in Fiji; 14 in the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI); and 8 in Papua New Guinea. A total of 21 deaths had been reported [14 in Hawaii; 5 on Guam and 2 in CNMI] with proportional fatal cases of 2.5%.

### FSM'S SITUATION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- As of April 27, there is still no confirmed case of COVID-19 in the FSM. No reported PUI's since SitRep #8 (April 20, 2020).
- April 25<sup>th</sup>, FSM received NOA for COVID-19 supplemental funding (\$467,114) from US CDC for epidemiology and lab capacity.
- April 24<sup>th</sup>, FSM National Taskforce and partners endorsed the Pacific Humanitarian Team COVID-19 Response Plan and decided for the initial funding of \$300,000 from the UN through this plan to go towards water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).
- Donations of PPE's from China Embassy has been distributed and divided equally amongst the FSM States [Protective disposable clothing – 480, Infrared Thermometer -80, Protective goggles-400, surgical gloves-400, shoe gloves-400, and masks (KYOWA Shipping donations) – 6,400].
- April 20<sup>th</sup> FSM National and Pohnpei State Taskforces met to discuss greater cooperation in implementation of response measures on COVID-19 under the recently extended National Public Health Emergency Declaration and 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Pohnpei State Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-01.
- April 19<sup>th</sup>, pending lab results for 3 clients in isolation (2 PUI's / 1 TB Suspect) at Yap State Hospital came back negative for COVID-19.
- April 18<sup>th</sup>, all FSM States received their Abbot ID Now Covid-19 test-kits. A draft testing algorithm is in draft to be shared with the states. Reagents for Covid-19 GeneXpert is still in route.
- April 17<sup>th</sup>, FSM Congress extended the National Public Health Emergency Declaration until May 31, 2020, emphasizing on harmonization with State declarations, social distancing measures within the next 30 days [<https://gov.fm/index.php/public-info/fsm-pio/>].
- April 17<sup>th</sup> National Taskforce held first dialogue with UN Partners (WHO, IOM, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, GEF SGP, Enhancing Disaster and Climate Change, and SDG Localization), SPC and PIHOA to enhance collaboration in response to COVID-19.
- On April 16<sup>th</sup> Pohnpei Governor Reed Oliver signed 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment to Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-01 providing exemption for emergencies or unforeseen circumstances caused by accidents [<https://www.facebook.com/PohnpeiStateGov/>].
- FSM and Partners (WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, IOM, CDC, PIHOA, SPC, 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

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