GLOBAL SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is closely monitoring an ongoing pandemic of a coronavirus disease which is affecting over 190 countries globally. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on January 30, 2020, designated its official name as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on February 11, 2020, and characterized it as a pandemic on March 12, 2020.

As of February 01, 2021:

- At least 102,964,706* confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, including 7,608** in Guam, 132 in the Northern Mariana Is. (CNMI), 4 in the Marshall Islands, 1 in the FSM, 26,072 in Hawaii, 525,618 in Philippines, 390,253 in Japan, 911 in Taiwan.
- 2,227,923* deaths reported globally – 129** deaths on Guam, 409 in Hawaii, 2 in CNMI, 10,749 in Philippines, 5,767 in Japan, 8 in Taiwan.
- 57,049,284* people have recovered from COVID-19 globally.

*JHU CSSE COVID-19 Dashboard/**Guam Homeland Security

PALAU READINESS AND RESPONSE

As of February 01, 2021:

- There are NO SUSPECTED or CONFIRMED CASES of COVID-19 in Palau.
- COVID-19 Vaccination (since Jan. 3, 2021): 3,109 1st dose administered; 0 2nd dose administered; 0 total persons vaccinated (1st + 2nd dose).
- Isolation & Quarantine:
  - Currently in Isolation & Quarantine: 30 in quarantine facility, 9 in self-monitoring, 0 in BNH isolation, 0 in alternative care and isolation site
  - Total since Apr. 17, 2020: 0 isolated, 985 quarantined (inbound travellers and PUIs)
- COVID-19 Testing (since Apr. 14, 2020): 3,626 tests conducted, 0 positive, 3,626 negative, 0 pending results.
- International Points of Entry Screening:
  - Total since Jan. 23, 2020: 200 flights screened, 15,773 travelers; 102 vessels screened, 2,764 travelers; 1,001 secondary screening
- Belau National Hospital Ventilators: 0 in use, 30 total capacity - 5 portable, 2 pediatric, 18 adult vents, 5 in calibration

General Updates:

- MOH Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated on Jan. 22, 2020 to implement preparedness and response measures to minimize the risk of importation and potential local transmission of COVID-19 to Palau.
- As COVID-19 mass vaccination is ongoing, the public is urged to continue practicing the following measures to prevent respiratory infections:
  - Frequent handwashing with soap and water or hand rub with 70% alcohol-based sanitizer.
  - Respiratory Etiquettes: Cover cough and sneeze with clean tissue or shirt sleeve.
  - Avoid close contact with sick people and stay away from others if you are sick. Call your doctor or hospital for advise.
  - Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces/objects.