Palaun readiness and response

As of December 30, 2020:

- At least 81,908,887* confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, including 7,293*** in Guam, 122 in the Northern Mariana Is. (CNMI), 4 in the Marshall Islands, 21,466 in Hawaii, 16,696 in French Polynesia, 2 in Samoa, 38 in New Caledonia, 46 in Fiji, 17 in the Solomon Islands, 4 in Wallis and Futuna, 1 in Vanuatu and 780 in Papua New Guinea.
- 1,072,314** confirmed cases within the Western Pacific Region.
- 1,786,837 deaths reported globally – 19,774*** deaths in the Western Pacific Region, 121*** deaths on Guam, 285 in Hawaii, 2 in CNMI, 113 in French Polynesia, 2 in Fiji, 9 in Papua New Guinea.
- 46,271,244* people have recovered from COVID-19 globally.


Palau readiness and response

As of December 30, 2020:

- There are NO SUSPECTED or CONFIRMED CASES of COVID-19 in Palau.
- 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.
- BNH ventilators: 30 total capacity, 5 portable vent, 2 pediatric vent, 18 adult vents (0 in use), 5 in calibration.
- COVID-19 Isolation & Quarantine: 29 in quarantine facility, 24 in self-monitoring, 0 in BNH isolation, 0 in alternative care and isolation site.
- COVID-19 Testing (since Apr. 14): 3,234 tests conducted, 0 total positive, 3,234 total negative, 0 pending results.
- COVID-19 testing ongoing based on priority groups including persons meeting COVID-19 case definition, symptomatic patients, first responders and front-line workers, and quarantined inbound travelers.
- Alternative Care Site (ACS) is currently being prepared to receive and care for positive cases.
- Health screening continues at Palau International Airport for chartered and private aircrafts; health screening at Malakal seaport continues for incoming vessels. Screening data:
  - Past 48 hours: 0 flight screened, 0 traveler; 0 vessel screened, 0 travelers; 0 secondary screening.
  - Since Jan. 23: 193 flights screened, 15,683 travelers; 94 vessels screened, 2,608 travelers; 911 secondary screening.
- Executive Order No. 442 signed on July 31, 2020 re-establishing essential air services to and from Palau, beginning no later than September 1, 2020. Regular commercial air travel remain temporary suspended until further notice. Air mail and cargo service continues on a weekly basis through chartered services.
- The public is urged not to panic and to continue practicing public health measures to prevent respiratory infections:
  - Hand Hygiene: 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 advice.
  - Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces/objects.