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 March 26, 2021:

- At least 125,530,977* confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, including 7,796** in Guam, 159 in the Northern Mariana Is. (CNMI), 4 in the Marshall Islands, 1 in the FSM, 29,406 in Hawaii, 693,048 in Philippines, 463,369 in Japan, 1,012 in Taiwan.
- 2,756,500* deaths reported globally – 134** deaths on Guam, 457 in Hawaii, 2 in CNMI, 13,149 in Philippines, 8,960 in Japan, 10 in Taiwan.
- 71,127,939* people have recovered from COVID-19 globally.

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

PALAU READINESS AND RESPONSE

As of March 26, 2021:

- There are NO SUSPECTED or CONFFIRMED CASES of COVID-19 in Palau.
- COVID-19 Vaccination (since Jan. 3, 2021): 8,725 1st dose administered, 5,156 2nd dose administered, 5,156 total persons fully vaccinated; 29% of population fully vaccinated (estimated 18,000 total population)
- Isolation & Quarantine:
  - Currently in Isolation & Quarantine: 42 in quarantine facility, 0 in self-monitoring, 0 in restricted movement, 0 in BNH isolation, 0 in alternative care and isolation site
  - Total since Apr. 17, 2020: 0 isolated, 1,111 quarantined (inbound travellers and PUIs)
- COVID-19 Testing (since Apr. 14, 2020): 4,110 tests conducted, 0 positive, 4,110 negative, 0 pending results.
- International Points of Entry Screening:
  - Total since Jan. 23, 2020: 212 flights screened, 15,910 travelers; 112 vessels screened, 2,952 travelers; 1,138 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.
- MOH received 4rd batch of Moderna COVID-19 vaccines (5,400 doses) on March 4, 2021. Mass vaccination commenced on Jan. 3, 2021 and is ongoing with targeted priority groups.
- 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.