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 June 30, 2021:

- At least 181,734,810 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, including 8,348 in Guam, 183 in the Northern Marianas, 4 in the Marshall Islands, 1 in the FSM, 37,702 in Hawaii, 1,408,058 in Philippines, 798,129 in Japan, 14,748 in Taiwan.
- 3,936,289 deaths reported globally – 140 deaths on Guam, 516 in Hawaii, 2 in CNMI, 24,557 in Philippines, 14,678 in Japan, 643 in Taiwan.
- 2,999,219,072 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered globally.

PALAU READINESS AND RESPONSE

As of June 30, 2021:

- There are NO CONFIRMED CASES of COVID-19 in Palau. Two (2) recent positive cases have been determined as imported historical cases from previous infection outside of Palau.
- COVID-19 Vaccination (since Jan. 3, 2021): 14,048 1st dose administered, 13,857 2nd dose administered, 13,857 total persons fully vaccinated; >75% of population (18,000 estimate), >96% of adults (18yrs+) fully vaccinated.
- Isolation & Quarantine:
  - Currently in Isolation & Quarantine: 0 in quarantine facility, 0 in self-monitoring, 3 in restricted movement, 0 in BNH isolation, 0 in alternative care and isolation site
  - Total since Apr. 17, 2020: 2 isolated, 1,710 quarantined (inbound travellers and PUIs)
- COVID-19 Testing (since Apr. 14, 2020): 6,245 tests conducted, 2 positive, 6,243 negative, 0 pending results.
- International Points of Entry Screening:
  - Total since Jan. 23, 2020: 252 flights screened, 16,707 travelers; 134 vessels screened, 3,353 travelers; 1,485 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 commenced COVID-19 mass vaccination on Jan. 3, 2021 for targeted priority groups and eventually all eligible residents (adults) in Palau.
- 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 advice.
  - Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces/objects.

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