



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Palau Ministry of Health - External Situation Report

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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 January 4, 2021:

- At least **85,088,854*** confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, including **7,308**** in **Guam**, **122** in the **Northern Mariana Is. (CNMI)**, **4** in the **Marshall Islands**, **22,303** in **Hawaii**, **477,807** in **Philippines**, **245,254** in **Japan**, **812** in **Taiwan**.
- **1,842,492*** deaths reported globally – **121**** deaths on **Guam**, **289** in **Hawaii**, **2** in **CNMI**, **9,257** in **Philippines**, **3,429** in **Japan**, **7** in **Taiwan**.
- **47,821,694*** people have **recovered** from COVID-19 globally.

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PALAU READINESS AND RESPONSE

As of January 4, 2021:

- There are **NO SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED CASES** of COVID-19 in Palau.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination (since Jan. 3, 2021):** **59** 1st dose administered; **0** 2nd dose administered; **0** total persons vaccinated (1st + 2nd dose).
- **Isolation & Quarantine:**
 - **Currently in Isolation & Quarantine:** **1** in quarantine facility, **24** in self-monitoring, **0** in BNH isolation, **0** in alternative care and isolation site
 - **Total since Apr. 17, 2020:** **0** isolated, **925** quarantined (inbound travellers and PUIs)
- **COVID-19 Testing (since Apr. 14, 2020):** **3,325** tests conducted, **0** positive, **3,325** negative, **0** pending results.
- **International Points of Entry Screening:**
 - **Total since Jan. 23, 2020:** **193** flights screened, **15,683** travelers; **97** vessels screened, **2,668** travelers; **911** 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 issued a *Certification of an Unavoidable Public Health Emergency* for COVID-19 on Mar. 17, 2020.
- MOH issued Directive No. 211-20 effective on November 12, 2020 re-authorizing Belau National Hospital and Public Health Measures in response to COVID-19.
- **MOH received initial 2,800 doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccines on Jan. 2, 2021 and commenced mass vaccination efforts on Jan. 3, 2021 following priority group targeting.**
- MOH issued Directive No. 1-21 on Jan. 3, 2021 re-authorizing isolation and quarantine measures for COVID-19.
- 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.**
- MOH 24-hour COVID-19 Hotline activated for public inquiries: **+680-488-0555.**