

CDC/PIHOA one-on-one USAPI weekly check-ins

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USAPI	COVID-19 cases	Testing	Containment	Community Mitigation	Quarantine, Isolation & Medical Surge Preparedness	PPE	Concerns & Needs
AS	0 cases; 0 PUIs	Abbott ID NOW (~1200 available) and GeneXpert (1220 available) testing on-island; LBJ is retrofitting their lab for ABI 7500 (running by June); ASDOH also procuring ABI 7500 and expanding lab; 124 total samples have been tested on-island (94 using Abbott) and off-island (30) -all negative	All flights suspended in/out of AS (extended to 5/31); no ship passengers/crew may disembark; some individuals have been allowed into AS via military flights (must have negative test within 72 hours of arrival and subject to 14-day home or facility quarantine)	Multi-media PSAs; schools suspended; many gatherings canceled and businesses (theater, bingo halls, etc.) closed; church moved to at-home schedules; funerals have been reduced; social distancing measures to remain in place for now	38 ventilators functional at LBJ; at LBJ-150 beds, 6 ICU beds (1 negative air flow in isolation); tent set up outside of LBJ to screen patients; phone line for patients to call for screening; quarantine sites ready for 264 people; swing ward (8 beds) established at LBJ for COVID-19 patients while isolation site is being completed at LBJ (negative pressure tent set up but need to finish inside) with 8 beds	N-95s: 20,800 Surgical masks: 272,000 Gloves: 61,800 Gowns: 5,412 Face shields 4,896 Shoe covers: 0 *PPE inventory and disbursement now under Department of Procurement	Request for telemedicine options, preferably real-time
CNMI	22 positive cases with 2 deaths and 13 recovered; most recent cases were a birthday party cluster	Abbott ID NOW (1,662 available) and GeneXpert (2,378 available) testing on-island; 5,554 total specimens collected; ABI 7500 awaiting installation; BioFire is on-island but there are no tests; community surveillance being conducted using Solgent Diaplex	Flights resumed- all inbound travelers facility quarantined for 5 days, then tested on day 5 and released if negative; if test is refused travelers must undergo 14-day facility quarantine; 96 passengers currently in quarantine; Sara Alert used for f/u	Social distancing efforts are slowly being relaxed- curfew reduced, government moved from shutdown to half day, poker and gaming facilities to remain closed, no gatherings >10 people	46 usable ventilators (44 available); at CHCC- 75 hospital beds (39 occupied), 8 ICU beds (2 occupied), 10 isolation rooms with negative air flow; Kanoa hotel is being set up as an alternative care site with ICU, medical ward, and step-down units (to be ready by end of May); medical tent is outside of the hospital with 40 beds (ready for use); quarantine sites at Kanoa and PIC hotels	N-95s: 55,003 Surgical masks: 510,982 Gloves: 405,225 Gowns: 7,825 Face shields 10,962 Shoe covers: 17,511	

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Guam	165 positive cases with 5 deaths and 125 recovered; 11 new cases identified this week from a cluster	Now running ABI 7500 (3,113 tests available), Abbott ID NOW (1,099 tests available), and GeneXpert (1,327 tests available); 5,331 total tests have been conducted	Flights are still arriving in/out of Guam but all incoming passengers are subject to a 14-day facility quarantine	Guam has moved to PCOR-2 which allows some non-essential businesses to open back up with social distancing	1 hospitalized case; isolation facility has been established at a hotel (6 currently in facility isolation, 26 in home isolation); working to expand medical surge facilities; extensive contact tracing and follow-up being done (2,538 contacts identified)	Exact numbers unknown at this time	Challenges with persistent positives; in need of lab staff
Chuuk	0 cases; 0 PUI	Abbott ID NOW (1,212 available) and GeneXpert (1,070 available) testing on-island; 2 tests conducted on-island using Abbott (both negative)	Borders closed until at least 5/31; no ship passengers/crew may disembark; cargo is still arriving via planes and ships; FSM National is working on plans for repatriation	Education is being conducted in communities; schools are closed; churches remain open, but some events have been canceled; hospital has screening at entrance	4 working ventilators; 5 portable vents; 11 FEMA vents; 104 beds in shared wards (~40% occupancy), 9 ICU beds, 14 beds in isolation rooms, no negative air flow; ARFF compound at airport complete (4 rooms/beds); quarantine for 34 people at High Tide Hotel; Chuuk Gym (70 beds) and Chuuk High School (120 beds) set up as alternative care sites	N-95s: 22,140 Surgical masks: 11,750 Gloves: 42,650 Gowns: 2,694 Face shields: 3,183 Shoe covers: 7,722	Need more PPE; request for TA on clinical guidance and ventilation; request for guidance on reusing vent tubing and filters; need mattresses for cots in isolation facilities
Kosrae	0 cases; 0 PUI	Abbott ID NOW (403 available) and GeneXpert (660 available) testing on-island; 0 tests conducted on-island	Borders closed until at least 5/31; no ship passengers/crew may disembark; cargo is still arriving via planes and ships; FSM National is working on plans for repatriation	Community-level education; schools and church are still ongoing; events are discouraged but still happening (so limited social distancing measures in place)	No working ventilators; 3 FEMA vents to arrive from FSM National; 45 hospital beds (2 ICU in 1 room), 8 isolation rooms, no negative air flow; an isolation facility (24 rooms) is to be built in 2-3 months; 9 rooms available temporarily at hotels for quarantine; old, unreliable oxygen generator	N-95s: 1,450 Surgical masks: 9,800 Gloves: 6,788 Gowns: 697 Face shields: 608 Shoe covers: 100	Improvement of IT infrastructure; TA to improve facilities; case management guidelines; low PPE stocks; request for UV tower

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Pohnpei	0 cases; 0 PUIs	Abbott ID NOW (1,014 available) and GeneXpert (816 available) testing on-island; 12 Abbott tests conducted on-island (all negative); considering conducting some community surveillance	Borders closed until at least 5/31; no ship passengers/crew may disembark; cargo is still arriving via planes and ships; FSM National is working on plans for repatriation	Designated team developed for risk communication; schools are closed; activities have been canceled or scaled back; church is still open; there is an order on social distancing, but it is not being enforced; hand washing stations in place	1 ventilator (in surgical theater); 10 FEMA vents; 204 hospital beds (no ICU beds), 4 isolation rooms with negative air flow (plan to create 8 ICU beds here with vents); DHS working with SeaBees to expand and improve current isolation center near the airport (expected mid-June); China Star hotel is a quarantine site; oxygen being stockpiled but there are only 50 tanks on-island; limited experience with ventilation among staff	N-95s: 1,015 Surgical masks: 15,676 Gloves: 12,200 Gowns: 2,461 Face shields: 59,344 Shoe covers: 240	Request for TA on clinical management and ventilation; Request for TA on PPE use protocols; low PPE stocks
Yap	0 cases; 0 PUIs	Abbott ID NOW (600 available) and GeneXpert (710 available) testing on-island; 12 Abbott tests performed on-island (all negative); planning for lab expansion; currently revising testing algorithm	Borders closed until at least 5/31; no ship passengers/crew may disembark; cargo is still arriving via planes and ships; FSM National is working on plans for repatriation; all cargo requires a 4-day hold unless cold chain is required	Non-essential work and school have resumed; social distancing being encouraged; planning for community education outreach in outer islands	1 permanent ventilator + 2 working portable vents + 2 anesthesia vents; 8 vents on-island that are not working but trying to get parts to get these functional; 3 FEMA vents to be delivered from FSM National; 38 hospital beds, 2 isolation rooms with negative air flow (plans to expand); ECE building set up for overflow with 24 beds (4 ICU); quarantine facility set up at middle school and plans to build new facility; working to procure additional medical supplies that are needed	N-95s: 6,690 Surgical masks: 66,400 Gloves: 216,600 Gowns: 932 Face shields: 230 Shoe covers: 13,960 *this is outdated (more shipments have arrived)-inventory system is down	Request for TA on PPE use and ventilator training; support for contact tracing; need structures for medical surge; guidance on travel quarantine

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Palau	0 cases; 0 PUI	PCR (Roche LightCycler 480) (~95,000 available), Abbott ID NOW (~800 available), and GeneXpert (748 available) testing on-island; testing residents (640 PCR tested, all negative); 22 GeneXpert tests run on passengers to Guam	No passenger flights until at least 7/1; working to repatriate stranded residents (~150, people), tentatively June 11 (first 50 pax)- working to finalize protocols; cargo via APA	Education using various media; daily sitreps; normal operations to resume with promotion of hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and staying home when sick	80 hospital beds, 4 ICU beds, 5 isolation rooms with negative air flow; secondary screening outside of hospital established; alternative care site prepared at Palau gym (50 beds); 3-5 hotels have been identified as quarantine sites (100 rooms); 29 working ventilators on-island (2 in use)	N-95s: 9,020 Surgical masks: 202,600 Gloves: 128,500 Gowns: 14,938 Face shields: 4,976 Shoe covers: 10,400	Guidance on use of antibody tests; request for TA on website development; request for guidance on travel quarantine protocols for repatriation
RMI- Majuro	0 cases; 0 PUI	Abbott ID NOW (~1,100 available) and GeneXpert (1,570 available) testing on-island; 0 tests performed on-island; public health lab improvement/ expansion ongoing	Borders are closed (as of 3/8) to all people until at least 6/5; cargo still received by APA; ships must be at sea for 14 days before coming into port; Travel Advisory #13 in effect	Multiple media strategies including community meetings; normal activities have resumed; social distancing being encouraged but not enforced	3 ventilators + 10 more that need additional parts (some to be sent to Ebeye); 6 vents from FEMA; 108 hospital beds (3 ICU), 8 isolation rooms (1 with negative air flow); new isolation building under construction (8 isolation rooms with negative air flow)- to be completed 5/31; new quarantine facility (24 beds)+old facility (80 beds)	N-95s: 18,100 Surgical masks: 23,000 Gloves: 59,595 Gowns: 17,669 Face shields: 10,160 Shoe covers: 0	Request for TA- need more support for planning and reviews of existing plans including outer island plan; staffing needs
RMI- Ebeye	0 cases; 0 PUI	Abbott ID NOW (700 available) and GeneXpert (1,320 available) testing on-island; 0 tests performed on-island	Borders are closed (as of 3/8) to all people until at least 6/5; cargo still received by APA	Screening outside of hospital; limited social distancing occurring but implementing some safety measures	1 working ventilator + 1 broken; 3 FEMA vents; isolation facility to be built (date TBD) but renovated TB trailer (6 beds) for isolation; new oxygen generator ordered and currently using old generator; Kwaj base has agreed to quarantine passengers (70+ beds)	N-95s: 5,845 Surgical masks: 3,405 Gloves: 14,950 Gowns: 515 Face shields: 763 Shoe covers: 0 *shipment from Majuro on its way	Request for TA- Ebeye would like to conduct tabletop exercises but unsure on how to do this; staffing needs; low PPE

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Regional Summary:

- Testing capacity has improved
 - All USAPI have Abbott ID NOW and GeneXpert running
 - No long-term pipeline for tests
 - There are many questions on antibody tests and need for clear guidelines and evidence
- Many USAPI are not prepared for case management and contact investigation
 - More TA is needed to develop protocols, forms, and systems
 - Requests for guidance on performing table top exercises to test systems
- Clinical management training and preparation remains a gap
 - Request for clinical training (CME) over Zoom (patient management, ventilation)
 - Request for 24/7 hotline for clinical questions
 - Request for simple guidelines on patient management
 - Concerns with medical staff safety and mental health
- Adequate ventilators are now in the USAPI, but there are still challenges getting these to be functional
 - Many ventilators ordered by the USAPI are missing components
 - Unclear if FEMA vents will work with oxygen cylinders (need to figure out how to make this work)
 - Lack of biomedical engineers in the region
 - Unclear what additional components are needed for ventilators (circuits, tubing, etc.)
 - Request for guidance on maintenance and cleaning of ventilators and potential reuse of tubing
- Many USAPI are struggling with repatriation of residents
 - Request for TA on quarantine protocols for travelers
 - Need to test these protocols and need for TA on conducting these exercises
- PPE stocks have been established but challenges remain
 - No long-term pipeline established and many USAPI still have inadequate stocks
 - Need for inventory systems and calculating burn rates and concerns about high burn rates in some USAPI
 - Request for guidance or protocols for PPE preservation and reuse and PPE use training
- There are gaps regarding community mitigation strategies
 - Need to develop comprehensive community mitigation plans
- Other concerns:
 - Technological issues and lack of IT infrastructure in many of the USAPI
 - Challenges balancing COVID-19 response and other health programs
 - Many questions regarding decontamination of objects and facilities- need for guidelines