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Week: 5/4-5/8/2020

USAPI	COVID-19 cases	Testing	Containment	Community Mitigation	Quarantine, Isolation & Medical Surge Preparedness	PPE	Concerns & Needs
AS	0 cases; 0 PUIs	Abbott ID NOW testing (~870 tests) and GeneXpert testing (570 tests) available on-island; LBJ is retrofitting their lab for ABI 7500; 84 total samples have been tested on-island (57 using Abbott) and off-island (27) and all have been negative	All flights suspended in/out of AS (extended to 5/31); no ship passengers/crew may disembark; 0 quarantined individuals; pressure to open borders with Samoa	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	18 ventilators functional at LBJ + 10 new FEMA vents; at LBJ-207 beds, 4-8 ICU beds (1 negative air flow); tents set up outside of LBJ to screen patients; phone line for patients to call for screening; quarantine sites ready for 264 people; swing ward established at LBJ for COVID-19 patients; isolation site (tent) set up at LBJ	N-95s: 40,560 Surgical masks: 27,200 Gloves: 61,800 Gowns: 5,962 Face shields 4,896 Shoe covers: unk	A lot of pressure for community testing (to begin soon); pressure to relax social distancing measures
CNMI	15 positive cases with 2 deaths and 12 recovered	Abbott ID NOW tests (790 available) and GeneXpert tests (699 available) are being run; 2,883 total specimens collected; ABI 7500 is on-island but awaiting installation; BioFire is on-island but there is no way to get tests; community surveillance being conducted using Solgent Diaplex	United flights resumed; all passengers tested upon arrival and wait at facility quarantine for test results and health evaluation (about 24 hours); if test is refused travelers must undergo 14-day facility quarantine; 21 passengers currently in quarantine; all passengers entered into Sara Alert	Schools shutdown; government shutdown; college moved to an online platform; partial curfew in place; churches canceled; only 10 people in morgue at a time	46 usable ventilators (44 available); new oxygen generator installed and oxygen is stockpiled; at CHCC- 75 hospital beds (30 occupied), 8 ICU beds (1 occupied), 10 isolation rooms with negative air flow; Kanoa hotel is being set up as an alternative care site- ICU on first floor and floors 2-4 will have medical ward and step-down units (to be ready by third week of May); medical tent is a surge site at the hospital with 40 beds (ready for use); quarantine sites at Kanoa and PIC hotels	N-95s: 56,513 Surgical masks: 150,335 Gloves: 484,525 Gowns: 5,865 Face shields 10,804 Shoe covers: 17,711	In need of more swabs/VTM

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Guam	151 positive cases with 5 deaths and 123 recovered; positive tests are decreasing and curve is flattening	Now running PCR tests, Abbott ID NOW tests, and GeneXpert tests; testing requirements have been lowered; active case finding being conducted	Flights are still arriving in/out of Guam but all incoming passengers are subject to a 14-day facility quarantine	Mandated social distancing; measures to be relaxed slowly beginning 5/7	Currently healthcare facilities are managing cases; an isolation facility has been established at a hotel; working to expand medical surge facilities; extensive contact tracing and follow-up being done	Exact numbers unknown at this time but there are concerns over lack of PPE	Need for more tests and laboratory testing supplies
Chuuk	0 cases; 0 PUI	Abbott ID NOW up and running (709 tests); GeneXpert testing being set up (220 tests); 1 test conducted on-island using Abbott (negative)	Borders closed until at least 5/31; no ship passengers/crew may disembark; cargo is still arriving via planes and ships; United flights scheduled for May 20/21 and may possibly allow in returning residents	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; 11 FEMA vents to arrive from Pohnpei; 104 beds in shared wards (currently ~40% occupancy), 9 ICU beds, 14 beds in isolation rooms, no negative air flow rooms; stockpiled oxygen (70 tanks) but need more tanks; quarantine set up for 34 people; Chuuk Gym (70 beds) and Chuuk High School (120 beds) set up as alternative care sites	N-95s: 2,106 Surgical masks: 18,650 Gloves: 44,450 Gowns: 3,083 Face shields: 3,190 Shoe covers: 8,222	Need oxygen tanks and PPE; request for TA on clinical guidance and ventilation; low PPE counts; request for guidance on reusing vent tubing and filters
Kosrae	0 cases; 0 PUI	Abbott ID NOW (~200 tests) testing available; GeneXpert (210 tests) testing being set up; 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; United flights scheduled for May 20/21 and may possibly allow in returning residents	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 Pohnpei; 45 hospital beds (2 ICU), 5 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; 12 physicians and 36 nurses (limited vent experience); old, unreliable oxygen generator	N-95s: 2,060 Surgical masks: 8,800 Gloves: 27,800 Gowns: 857 Face shields: 800 Shoe covers: 1000	Improvement of IT infrastructure needed; TA to improve facilities; support needed for individual case management; low PPE stocks

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Pohnpei	0 cases; 0 PUIs	Abbott ID NOW testing (517 tests) available; GeneXpert testing (220 tests) being set up; 7 Abbott tests conducted on-island (all negative)	Borders closed until at least 5/31; no ship passengers/crew may disembark; cargo is still arriving via planes and ships; United flights scheduled for May 20/21 and may possibly allow in returning residents	Designated team developed for risk communication; schools are closed; activities have been canceled or scaled; 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); 13 FEMA vents arrived; 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	PPE received from National but has not been inventoried; storage space created for PPE	Request for TA on clinical management, ventilation; assistance with quantities/ types of medical supplies and drugs to procure; protocols on receiving off-island human remains
Yap	0 cases; 0 PUIs	Abbott ID NOW testing (363 tests) available; GeneXpert testing (210 tests) being set up; 2 Abbott tests performed on-island (both negative)	Borders closed until at least 5/31; no ship passengers/crew may disembark; cargo is still arriving via planes and ships; United flights scheduled for May 20/21 and may possibly allow in returning residents	Conducting community outreach (1,112 households reached on main island); hand washing facilities established; school suspended; funerals reduced to one day; communities are still resistant to social distancing and canceling events	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; 38 hospital beds, 2 isolation rooms with negative air flow; ECE building set up for overflow with 24 beds (4 ICU); quarantine facility set up at middle school; currently stockpiling oxygen and getting more tanks (soon to have 600-700 tanks); 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 +another WHO shipment that has not yet been inventoried	Request for TA on PPE use, ventilator training, handling of COVID-19 deceased; support for contact tracing; need structures for medical surge if schools resume; TA on how to use tests; guidance on travel quarantine

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Palau	0 cases; 0 PUI	PCR (Roche LightCycler 480) testing is up and running (~96,000 tests); Abbott ID NOW and GeneXpert testing being set up; currently PCR testing residents (487 tested, all negative); 20,000 antibody tests arriving from China	No passenger flights until at least 7/1; working to repatriate stranded residents; 1 passenger currently in quarantine (1 military CAT member); cargo via APA	Education using various media; daily sitreps; schools closed; PSAs to public to call in before presenting to ER if symptomatic; in the process of lifting all social distancing measures	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); 14 working ventilators on-island (2 in use) + 5 new + 10 FEMA vents just delivered	N-95s: 13,360 Surgical masks: 205,400 Gloves: 140,700 Gowns: 12,579 Face shields: 3,538 Shoe covers: 2,600	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 testing (720 tests) and GeneXpert testing (420 tests) available; 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 #12 in effect	Multiple media strategies including community meetings; schools are still in session; social distancing being encouraged but not enforced	3 ventilators and 10 more on-island but need additional parts to function (some to be sent to Ebeye); 6 vents arrived 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; still setting up new quarantine facility	SNS and WHO PPE donations have been received and being inventoried; 40% to be sent to Ebeye; challenges processing supplies, inventorying, and forwarding to Ebeye	Request for TA- need more support for planning and reviews of existing plans; staffing needs; need to strengthen ILI surveillance in outer islands
RMI- Ebeye	0 cases; 0 PUI	Abbott ID NOW testing (528 tests) available and GeneXpert is being set up (220 tests); 0 tested 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 vent; 1 anesthesia vent; 4 vents to arrive from FEMA via Majuro; isolation facility to be built; new oxygen generator ordered and currently using old generator; Kwajalein 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	Request for TA- Ebeye would like to conduct tabletop exercises but unsure on how to do this; staffing needs

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Regional Summary:

- Testing capacity available in all USAPI but still limited
 - Small numbers of tests available on-island and no long-term pipeline
 - There is a need for additional lab supplies (especially swabs and VTM)
 - Questions about how to most effectively use tests available before expiration
- Concerns with medical surge and case management
 - Questions about what medical supplies (including drugs) and quantities should be procured
 - Challenges with procurement (relatively small orders, global shortages, slow procurement processes locally)
 - Request for clinical training on COVID-19 patient management and ventilation (general and individual patient)
 - Request for facility assessment and guidance for improvement
 - Request for guidance on management of human remains (on and off-island deaths)
 - Request for more support on contact tracing (training, materials, staff)
 - Plans needed for long-term management of COVID-19 response and other programs
- Technological challenges
 - Concerns with IT infrastructure for on/off-island telemedicine
- Transportation challenges
 - Many USAPI have stranded residents who want to return home
 - Request for TA on quarantine protocols for travelers
 - TA limited due to flight restrictions
- Challenges with PPE
 - No long-term pipeline established
 - Need for inventory systems and calculating burn rates
 - Request for guidance or protocols for PPE preservation and reuse and PPE use training
- Questions regarding community mitigation strategies
 - Request for TA on appropriate levels of social distancing and relaxing lockdown measures
 - Request for TA on risk communication