

Northern Mariana Islands – Typhoon Yutu October 26, 2018

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As Super Typhoon Yutu moves away from the Marianas region, extensive damage to critical infrastructure on Saipan and Tinian has left the Commonwealth devastated with many families displaced. Relief and recovery efforts are now well underway as the CNMI Government is taking appropriate measures to ensure the safety and security of all residents in the Marianas.

The CNMI Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HSEM) is urging residents to remain indoors until the “All Clear” has been issued to allow first responders to clear roadways of debris. Lanes have been cleared for first responder transport and commuter traffic, but an advisory remains in effect as downed power poles and lines obstruct normal traffic flow on the main highways and access points.

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres noted that coordination between the CNMI and federal partners have already begun.

Joint damage assessments are being coordinated between the Office of the Governor, FEMA, and the American Red Cross. All three agencies have conducted individual preliminary assessments. The assessments will be a part of Governor Torres’ request for a Major Disaster Declaration.

Shelters

All shelters on Saipan and Tinian are at full capacity. There are about 840 shelterees, and that number expects to increase as displaced residents continue to seek shelter. For displaced residents, CNMI first responders are working around the clock to activate additional ones in coordination with the Public School System and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Humanitarian Relief

Governor Torres authorized an expedited request to FEMA for immediate humanitarian relief for displaced residents. Food, water, cots, toilet kits, tarps and temporary shelter resources are a part of that request. HSEM will be opening public areas for drive-by food distribution and will have a full announcement soon.

Governor Torres has remained in contact with the Department of Defense on military supported humanitarian relief efforts.

Governor Torres and first responders are working with private sector partners on use of reverse osmosis (RO) systems for distributing drinking water for residents.

For now, if you are living in a damaged home and require emergency assistance, please visit your local fire station for transportation assistance for health emergency situations.

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA) remains on standby for residents requiring transportation. To schedule pick-up transport, please contact the CNMI State Warning Point at (670) 664-8000.

Official Multi-Agency Updates

There is a confirmed report of one (1) fatality during Super Typhoon Yutu. Local female resident, 44 years-old, sought shelter in Chalan Kanoa in an abandoned building that collapsed during storm.

This is an unfortunate incident, but CNMI and federal partners continue to focus on life-saving and life-sustaining operations.

Office of the Governor

All government offices remain closed until further notice by the Governor.

Several government departments and agencies have reported major and minor damage to public infrastructure and facilities.

FEMA

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) that were opened for the Presidential Declaration pertaining to Typhoon Mangkhut will remain closed until further notice. Once a thorough assessment is made, DRCs will reopen or relocate.

Federal Disaster Assistance for Super Typhoon Yutu is NOT available to CNMI residents until a Major Disaster Declaration is requested by the Governor and approved by the President. Governor Torres and his senior leadership team are currently coordinating with federal partners on submitting the request as soon as possible.

Communications

Communication lines have been intermittent as emails, text messages, and calls have been slow over the last 24 hours. Internet has been inconsistent due to power outages and telecommunication facility maintenance.

Public School System

All public schools have suspended classes until further notice due to sheltering of displaced residents, as well as extensive damage to schools on Saipan and Tinian.

Northern Marianas College

All campuses (Saipan, Tinian, and Rota) have suspended classes until further notice.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

CUC reported 200 to 300 downed power poles, 400 to 500 leaning power poles, and significantly large number of downed transformers and conductors on Saipan and Tinian. A request has been made through FEMA for 700 to 800 power poles, transformers, and additional materials to begin power restoration. Assessments are ongoing regarding timeframe for water and power restoration. Water restoration is a power issue, and that will be prioritized first.

Initial priority of CUC is to remove damaged infrastructure off primary and secondary roads with the assistance of first response teams that include the Department of Public Works and the Saipan and Tinian Mayor's Offices.

CUC has been in contact with the Guam Power Authority for assistance and resource sharing.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

For emergency medical care, please proceed to the CHC Emergency Department. Local fire stations can provide emergency transportation or by calling (670) 234-8950.

All CHC Dialysis Clinic patients will receive calls upon resumption of clinic hours, regarding information of resuming their dialysis treatment schedule.

CHCC remains in contact with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on deployment of Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT).

Tinian Health Center is inactive due to major flooding and damage. Minor damage present at the CHCC Emergency Room. CHCC will be conducting mobile outreach soon.

Kagman Community Health Center

KCHC is scheduled to reopen Friday, October 26, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Saipan International Airport

No flight operations until further notice due to significant damage in both the international and commuter terminals. Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) personnel including Ports Police and air operators remain at the airport for security and maintenance purposes on portable generators. Airport currently not on a backup generator.

Saipan Seaport

The Port of Saipan remains under Zulu status by the US Coast Guard. There will be no movement in and out of the Port.

Department of Emergency Management

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

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<http://www.cnmihsem.gov.mp>

<https://www.facebook.com/cnmieocswp>

<http://www.cnmihsem.gov.mp/natural-disasters/typhoon/typhoonprep>

Open Shelters:

Saipan:

Tanapag Middle School

Middle Road

Saipan, MP 96950

Dandan Middle School

Isa Road

Saipan, MP 96950

San Vincente Elementary School

Isa Drive – Route 31

Saipan, 96950

Kagman Community Center

Kagman Road – Route 30

Saipan, MP 96950

Koblerville Youth Center
Saipan, MP 96950

San Antonio Youth Center
Saipan, MP 96950

Tinian:

Tinian Elementary School
San Jose Village
Tinian, MP 96952

Rota:

Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. High School
Songsong Road
Rota Island, MP 96951

Please note that additional shelters are available but are currently at full capacity and unable to accept any more evacuees. **American Red Cross of Northern Mariana Islands**

Airport Road

St. Vincent, Saipan 96950

(670) 234-3459

<https://www.redcross.org/local/northern-mariana-islands.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/arc.nmichapter>

<https://twitter.com/spnmarianas>

Open Shelters:

Saipan:

Marianas High School
Beach Road
Saipan, MP 96950

Koblerville Elementary School
AS Gonna Road
Saipan, MP 96950

San Vicente Elementary School
Isa Drive – Route 31
Saipan, MP 96950

Tanapag Middle School
Middle Road
Saipan, MP 96950

Dan Dan Middle School
Isa Road
Saipan, MP 96950

Chacha Ocean View Middle School
Kagman Road
Saipan, MP 96950

Kagman Community Center
Kagman Road – Route 30
Saipan, MP 96950

Koblerville Youth Center
Saipan, MP 96950

New Hope Recovery Center
Saipan, MP 96950

San Antonio Youth Center
Saipan, MP 96950

Tanapag Headstart
Chamolinian Street
Saipan, MP 96950

Kagman High School
Kagman Road
Saipan, MP 96950

Tinian:

Tinian Elementary School
San Jose Village
Tinian, MP 96952

Tinian High School
Tinian, MP 96952

Rota:

Man'amko Center
Rota, MP 96951

Department of Transportation

Commonwealth Transit Authority
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Caller Box 10007
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NATIONAL RESOURCES:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472
(800) 621-3362
<http://www.fema.gov>

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov>

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL

National Headquarters
2025 East Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767
<http://www.redcross.org>

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFE AND WELL LIST

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Residents affected can notify their friends and family that they are safe by visiting the website and selecting "*List Myself as Safe and Well.*" Individuals can also search for loved ones by selecting "*Search Registrants.*"

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo>

SAFE TRAVEL USA

<http://www.safetravelusa.com>

Free Help Line:

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-342-6892, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for as long as necessary. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>