



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DPHSS)

WEEKLY COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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"From newborns to manānko', DPHSS remains a pillar of care, offering services that uplift lives and strengthen our island through every chapter of life."

— DPHSS Director, Theresa C. Arriola

Week of September 12, 2025 - October 16, 2025



PROGRAM UPDATES AND COMMUNITY REMINDERS



Department of Public Health & Social Services

Website Redesign Notice

We're **redesigning our DPHSS website** (dphss.guam.gov) to better serve you! Our temporary holding page is live with the latest press releases, updates and directory.

**Note: See PSA linked [here](#).*



Division of Homelessness Assistance & Poverty Prevention

Office Relocation Notice

- Last day at ITC Building: **Fri., Sept. 26, 2025**
- Address: **TBA**
- WhatsApp: **(671) 475-2093/78**
- Email: **dhapp@dphss.guam.gov**



Division of Children's Wellness, Bureau of Child Care Services (BCCS)

BCCS Office Relocation Complete

- Last day at Castle Mall: **Fri., Sept. 19, 2025**
- Address: **194 Hernan Cortez Ave., Terlaje Professional Building, Suite 208, Hagåtña, GU 96910**
- New contact: **(671)969-7255/56/59**
- Email: **childcare@dphss.guam.gov**



Division of Children's Wellness, Bureau of Social Services Administration (BOSSA)

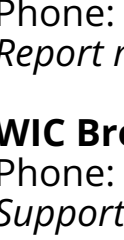
Foster Parents Needed

*Open your heart and home to a child in need. Become a **licensed foster parent** and make a lasting difference in a child's life.*

Phone: (671) 475-2653/2672

Email: **bossa@dphss.guam.gov**

**Note: To learn more about becoming a licensed foster parent*



HOTLINES

24-Hour Adult Protective Services (APS) Crisis Intervention Hotline

Phone: (671) 632-8853

Report alleged abuse or neglect.

Child Protective Services (CPS) Hotlines

Phone: (671) 475-2653/72 | M-F, 8AM-5PM

Report alleged abuse or neglect, for referrals after hours, weekends, holidays, & in emergency cases, contact Guam Police Department (GPD) at (671) 475-8541/42.

KEHA Hotline

Phone: (671) 735-7353

Report misuse of SNAP benefits.

WIC Breastfeeding Hotline

Phone: (671) 488-5171

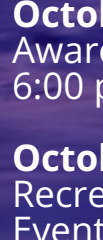
Support for breastfeeding mothers.

24-Hour Tobacco Free Guam Quitline

Phone: +1 (800) 784-8669 | TTY: 711

Online chat: **www.quitnow.net/guam**

A four-week supply of nicotine replacement therapy aids, such as the nicotine gum, lozenge, or patch are available FREE of charge for eligible callers, 18 years and older.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[***] = Recently Updated/Added

- **October 16** – Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) Medicare Part D presentation at the DSC Office 130 University Drive, Site 8, Castle Mall building in Mangilao at 2:00 p.m.
- **October 17** – Division of Public Health's Bleeding Disorder Clinic at the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC), Dededo from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **October 17** – Division of Public Health's Guam Diabetes Prevention and Awareness Month (November) Proclamation Signing at the R.J. Bordallo Governor's Complex Conference Room, Adelup at 10:30 a.m.
- **October 17** – Division of Public Health's Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (October 19 - 25) Proclamation Signing at the R.J. Bordallo Governor's Complex Conference Room, Adelup at 11:00 a.m.
- **October 17** – Division of Public Health's Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October) Proclamation Signing at the R.J. Bordallo Governor's Complex Conference Room, Adelup at 11:30 a.m.
- **October 17** – Division of Public Health's Guam Lung Cancer and Tobacco Cessation Awareness Month (November) Proclamation Signing at the R.J. Bordallo Governor's Complex Conference Room, Adelup at 1:30 p.m.
- **October 18** – Division of Public Health's Family Community Day Educational Conference at the Pacific Islands Club, Tumon from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **October 23** – Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) Medicare Part D presentation at the DSC Office 130 University Drive, Site 8, Castle Mall building in Mangilao at 2:00 p.m.
- **October 23** – Division of Children's Wellness Trunk or Treat at Terlaje Professional Building garage in Hagåtña from **4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- **October 24** – Division of Public Health's Guam Cancer Care Awareness Wave at ITC Intersection, Tamuning from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- **October 29** – Office of the Governor & Department of Parks and Recreation Night of the Duendes Halloween Trick-Or-Treating Event at Paseo Grounds, in Hagåtña from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **October 29** – Division of Homelessness Assistance and Poverty Prevention sponsored hot meals at the Ministry to the Homeless (former Kamalen Karidat) in Hagåtña from 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **October 30** – Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) Medicare Part D presentation at the DSC Office 130 University Drive, Site 8, Castle Mall building in Mangilao at 2:00 p.m.
- **October 31** – Division of Homelessness Assistance and Poverty Prevention sponsored hot meals at the Ministry to the Homeless (former Kamalen Karidat) in Hagåtña from 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **November 6** – Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) Medicare Part D presentation at the DSC Office 130 University Drive, Site 8, Castle Mall building in Mangilao at 2:00 p.m.
- **November 13** – Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) Medicare Part D presentation at the DSC Office 130 University Drive, Site 8, Castle Mall building in Mangilao at 2:00 p.m.
- **November 20** – Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) Medicare Part D presentation at the DSC Office 130 University Drive, Site 8, Castle Mall building in Mangilao at 2:00 p.m.
- **December 4** – Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) Medicare Part D Final Presentation at the DSC Office 130 University Drive, Site 8, Castle Mall building in Mangilao at 2:00 p.m.



CAPTURED: OUR WEEK IN REVIEW

Division of Public Welfare (DPW) Bureau of Economic Security

SNAP Summer EBT 2025 Card Distribution

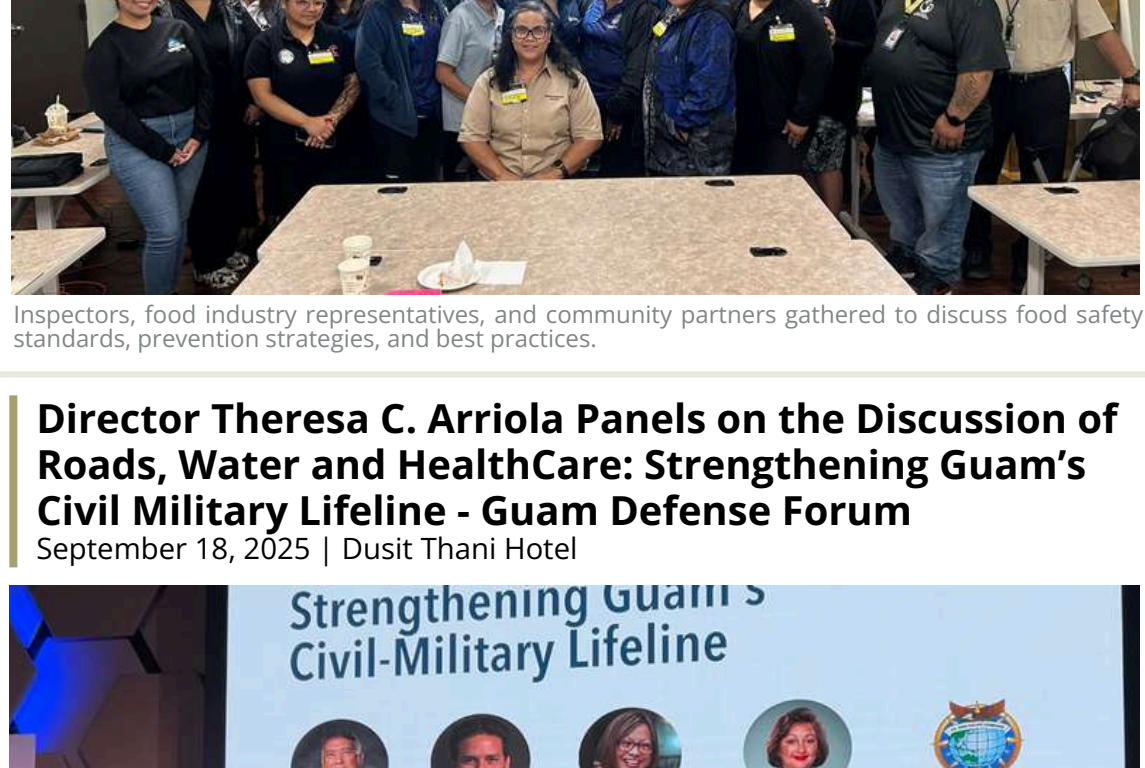
September 12 - 21, 2025 | Micronesia Mall, Dededo



The Department of Public Health and Social Services coordinated the S-EBT card distribution as part of its ongoing efforts to improve food access and nutritional support for families.

Division of Environmental Health (DEH) 13th Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month Conference

September 17, 2025 | UOG Class Lecture Hall



Inspectors, food industry representatives, and community partners gathered to discuss food safety standards, prevention strategies, and best practices.

Director Theresa C. Arriola Panels on the Discussion of Roads, Water and HealthCare: Strengthening Guam's Civil Military Lifeline - Guam Defense Forum

September 18, 2025 | Dusit Thani Hotel



Director Theresa C. Arriola contributes to the Guam Defense Forum alongside key stakeholders hosted by the Governor of Guam.

Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) Medicare Outreach Presentation: FY2026 GHI Open Enrollment

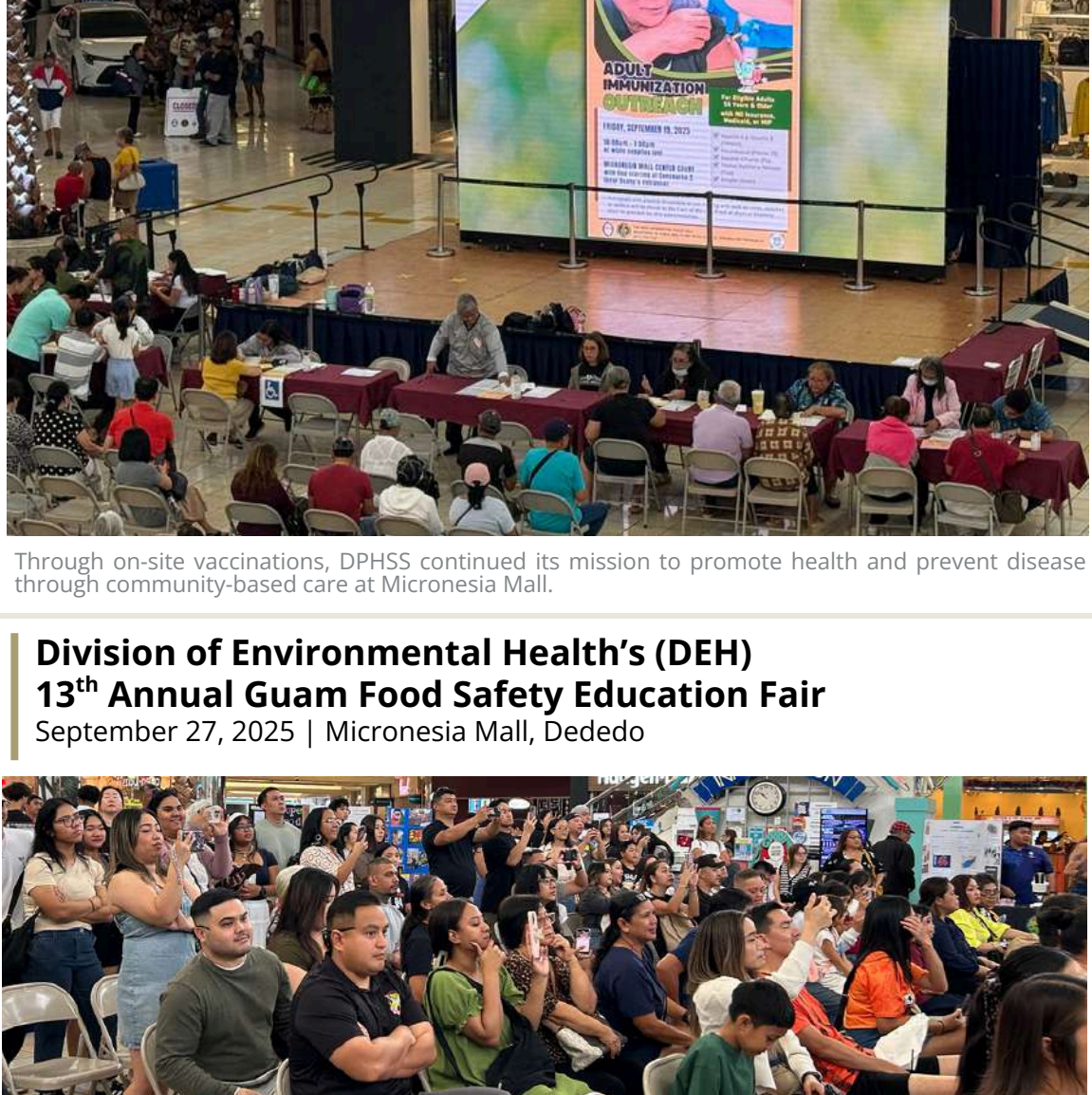
September 19, 2025 | Guam Museum, Hagåtña



The Department of Public Health and Social Services Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) conducted a Medicare outreach presentation at the Guam Museum to support the FY2026 Government of Guam Health Insurance (GHI) Open Enrollment.

Division of Public Health (DPH) Bureau of Communicable Diseases Adult Immunization Outreach

September 19, 2025 | Micronesia Mall, Dededo



Through on-site vaccinations, DPHSS continued its mission to promote health and prevent disease through community-based care at Micronesia Mall.

Division of Environmental Health's (DEH) 13th Annual Guam Food Safety Education Fair

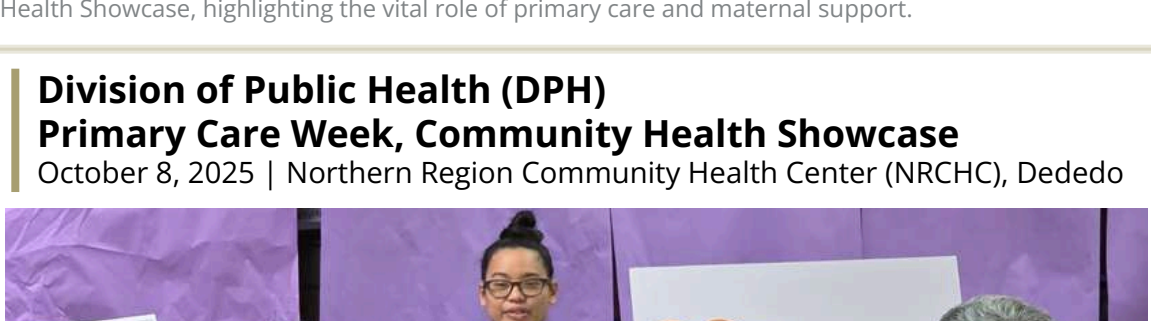
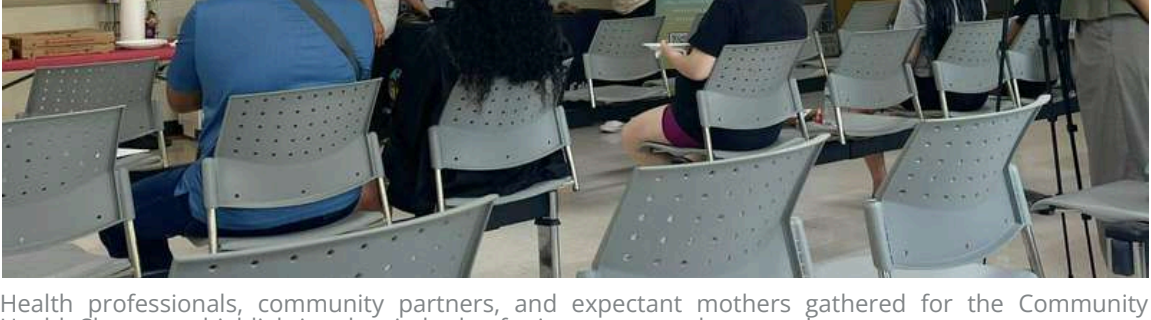
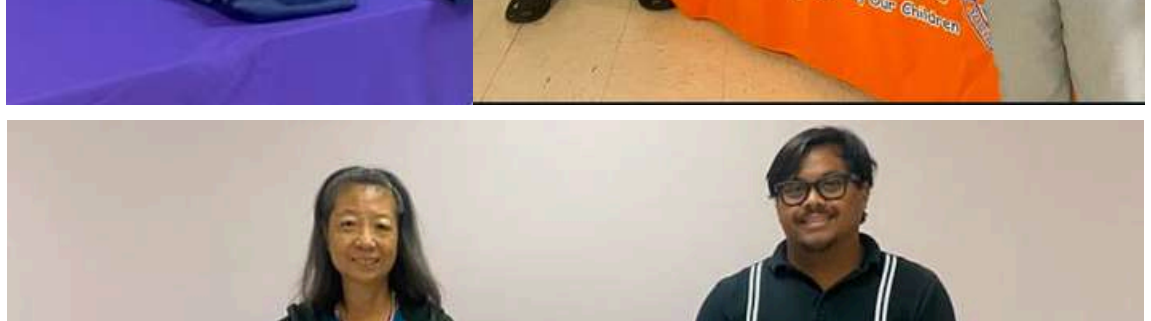
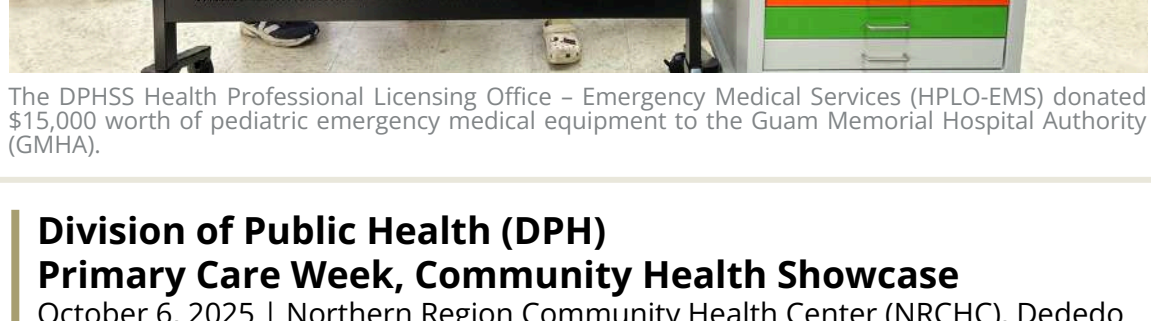
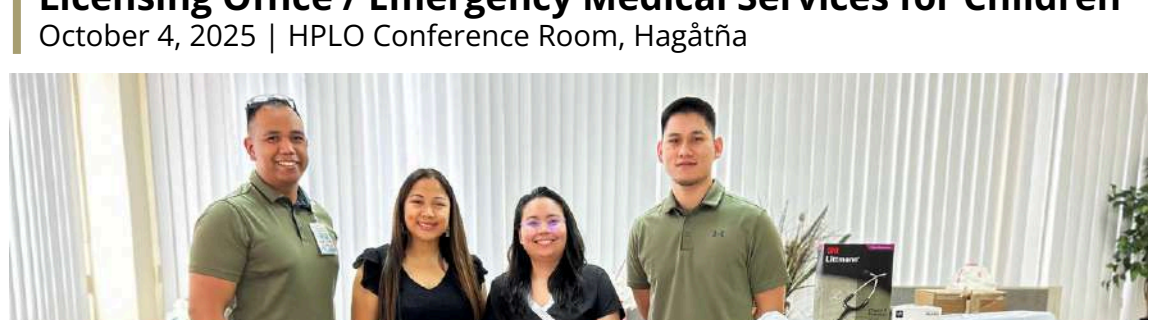
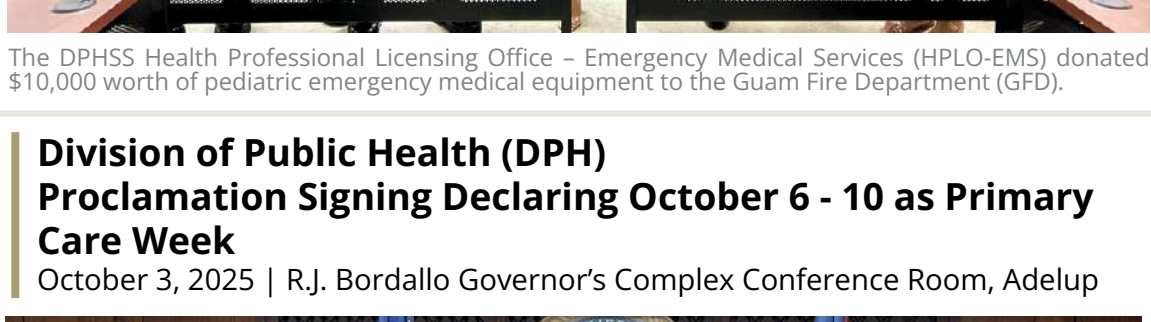
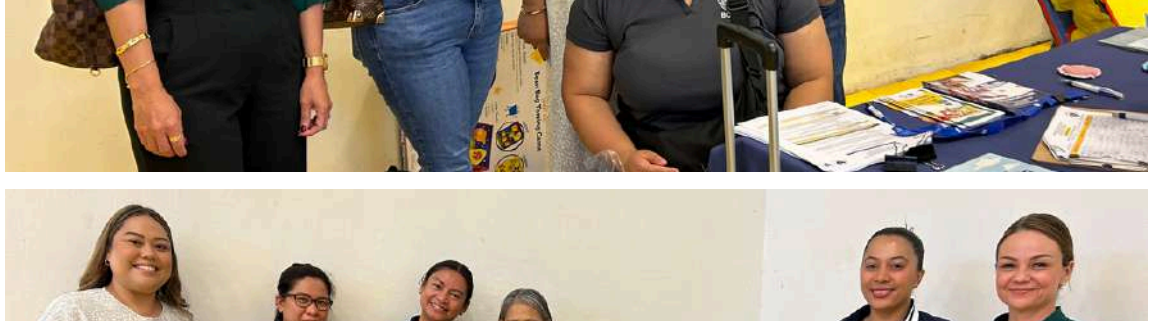
September 27, 2025 | Micronesia Mall, Dededo



The Department of Public Health and Social Services hosted the 13th Annual Guam Food Safety Education Health Fair at Micronesia Mall to promote safe food handling and hygiene practices for families and food businesses.

Division of Children's Wellness & Division of Public Health Pre-School Development Grant Village Play Time - Head Start Fun Day - DPHSS Immunization Clinic

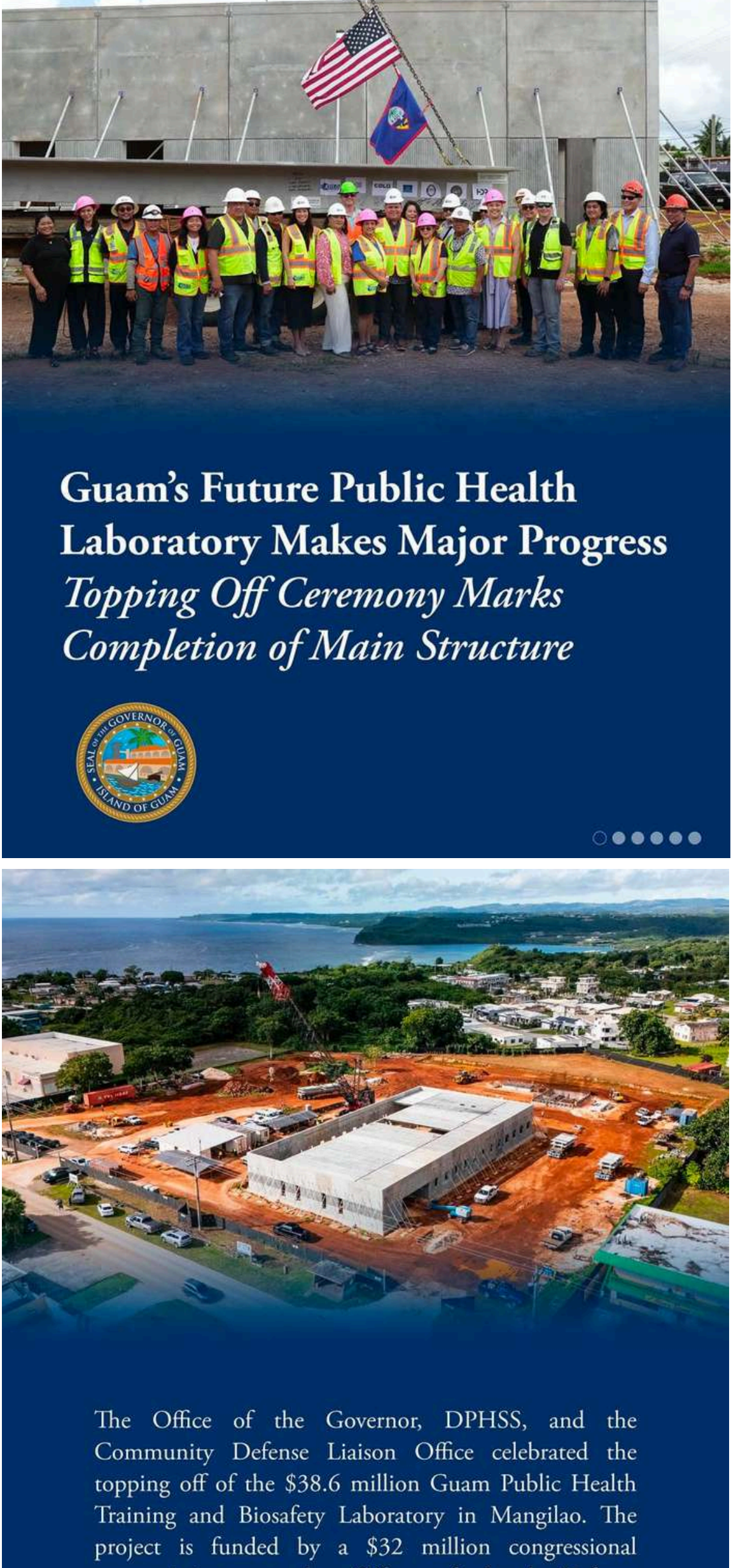
October 3, 2025 | Dededo Sports Complex



As part of Primary Care Week activities, the UOG Land Grant Extension presented on nutrition education and its role in promoting wellness across the island.

Topping Off Ceremony for the Guam Public Health Training and Biosafety Laboratory (GPHTL)

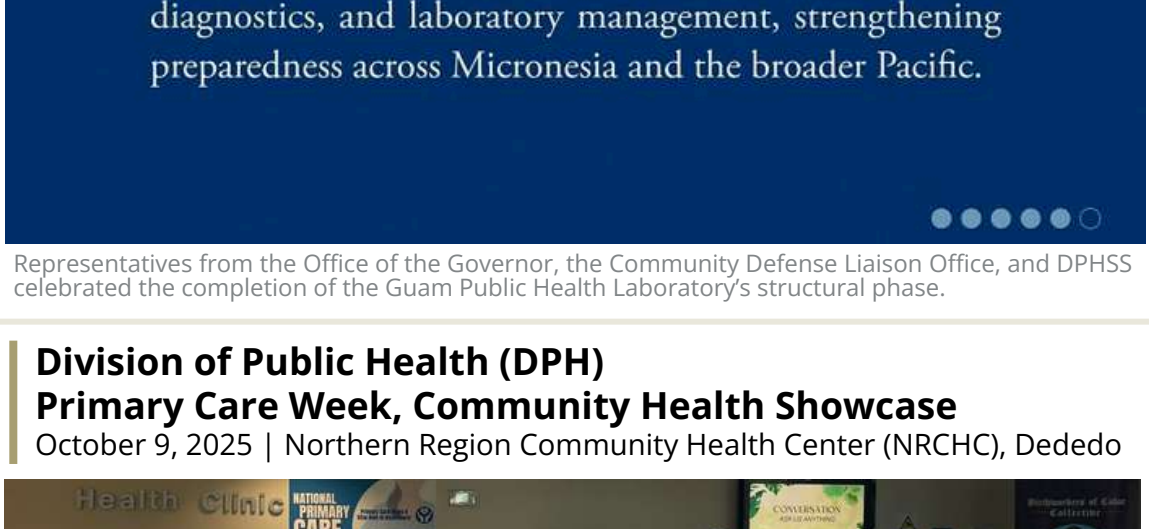
October 9, 2025 | GPHTL Construction Site, Mangilao



Guam's Future Public Health Laboratory Makes Major Progress *Topping Off Ceremony Marks Completion of Main Structure*



The Office of the Governor, DPHSS, and the Community Defense Liaison Office celebrated the topping off of the \$38.6 million Guam Public Health Training and Biosafety Laboratory in Mangilao. The project is funded by a \$32 million congressional appropriation to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation and \$6.6 million from the Governor's Office. Completion is set for June 2026.



Once completed, the lab will enable local diagnostic testing, shorten response times during public health emergencies, and reduce the need to ship samples off-island. Beyond diagnostics, the lab will serve as a regional training center. Laboratory professionals will also receive hands-on instruction in biosafety, diagnostics, and laboratory management, strengthening preparedness across Micronesia and the broader Pacific.

Representatives from the Office of the Governor, the Community Defense Liaison Office, and DPHSS celebrated the completion of the Guam Public Health Laboratory's structural phase.

Division of Public Health (DPH) Primary Care Week, Community Health Showcase

October 9, 2025 | Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC), Dededo



Health professionals, community partners, and expectant mothers gathered for the Community Health Showcase, highlighting the vital role of primary care and maternal support.

Division of Public Health (DPH) Primary Care Week, Community Health Showcase

October 10, 2025 | Hyatt Regency Guam, Tumon



DPHSS facilitated a Tobacco and Nicotine Intervention Skills Training at the Hyatt Regency Guam as part of Primary Care Week activities.

Division of Public Health (DPH) Yona Community Outreach

October 11, 2025 | Yona Community Center



Public Health teams provided on-site services, education, and information to Yona residents during the village outreach event.

Division of Children's Wellness (DCW) 4th Annual DCW Halloween Fair

October 11, 2025 | Micronesia Mall, Dededo



Costumes, smiles, and learning filled the air at the 4th Annual Halloween Fair hosted by DPHSS at the Micronesia Mall.

Division of Public Health (DPH) Breast Cancer Awareness Month Health Fair

October 12, 2025 | Micronesia Mall, Dededo



Community members visit the Breast Cancer Awareness Month Health Fair at Micronesia Mall, where local partners shared resources on early detection, screening, and support services.

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

- PR26-019** Guam Community Health Centers Welcome OBGYN Specialist Dr. Christopher Bieling
- PR26-018** DPHSS Confirms One New Case of Pertussis in Guam
- PR26-017** Temporary Change in WIC Food Brand Options Begins October 16, 2025
- PR26-016** Guam Community Health Centers (CHC) Pharmacies to Temporarily Close for Annual Inventory Audit
- PR26-015** Temporary Limitation on Issuance of Vital Certificates

DPHSS DIVISIONS



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GOVERNANCE

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is the primary government agency in Guam responsible for delivering health and social services to the island community. Established on July 1, 1964, DPHSS was founded under the provisions of 5 GCA, Government Operations, Chapter 3, Department of the Government, Article 1 §3111. DPHSS operates as a line agency within the Government of Guam.

OUR VISION

"Empowered people of healthy mind and body living in a safe environment throughout their lifetime."

OUR MISSION

"To assist the people of Guam in achieving and maintaining their highest levels of independence and self-sufficiency in health and social welfare."

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