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Next Food Commodity Distribution, Guidance to Affected Health-Regulated Establishments, Senior Center Operations and Upcoming Community Service Events

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is issuing this department-wide update as part of ongoing recovery efforts following Typhoon Sinlaku. This advisory provides important information on available services, temporary closures, delayed services, and postponed activities across DPHSS programs.

DPHSS Division of Homelessness Assistance and Poverty Prevention (DHAPP) Food Commodity Drive-Through Distribution

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall, 153 Chalan Pale' Ramon Lagu, Yigo, Guam

Individuals may be asked to provide identification and must complete a brief form to confirm household eligibility at the time of distribution. Households experiencing need are encouraged to attend. Supplies are limited and will be distributed while available. As part of our ongoing Typhoon Recovery, we are ensuring that families impacted by the storm have access to essential food assistance.

Guidance to Affected Health-Regulated Establishments on Resumption of Operations Following GWA's Boil Water Notice

The Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) would like to remind affected Health-Regulated Establishments (HREs) that the following steps must be taken after a Boil Water Notice is lifted to protect its customers:

1. Flush pipes throughout the facility by running each faucet with cold water for 10 to 30 minutes.
2. Flush, clean, and sanitize appliances that use tap water (such as beverage dispensers, spray misters, coffee and tea urns, ice machines, glass washers, and dishwashers) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
3. If applicable, run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.
4. Flush hot water tanks. For small buildings, the hot water tank can be drained directly; otherwise, it can require up to 45 minutes to fully flush a typical 40-gallon hot water tank. You can detect if flushing was adequate when the hot water tap runs cold.
5. Run drinking fountains continuously for approximately 10 minutes to flush the system.
6. Replace and sanitize water filter cartridges according to the manufacturer's instructions.
7. Take proper steps to flush ice machines by following the manufacturer's instructions, including:
 - Throw out any remaining ice.

- Flush the water line to the machine inlet.
- Close the valve on the water line behind the machine.
- Disconnect the water line from the machine inlet.
- Open the valve and run 5 gallons of water through the valve.
- Dispose of the water.
- Close the valve.

For further information, please contact the Division of Environmental Health at (671) 300-9579, or via email at dphss-deh@dphss.guam.gov.

Senior Center Operations Update

The Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) provides the following update on Senior Center operations following Typhoon Sinlaku.

Sinajana Senior Center – Reopened

The Sinajana Senior Center has resumed normal operations effective Monday, April 27, 2026, following the completion of repairs and resolution of safety concerns.

All Senior Centers operations are restored. The Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) continues to monitor conditions and will provide updates as services are fully restored. For assistance or more information, contact the DSC at 671-735-7415 or 671-735-7421 or email Biba.SeniorCitizens@dphss.guam.gov. Seniors and families may also contact their nearest Senior Center for support and service updates.

Upcoming Community Services and Events

As recovery efforts continue following Typhoon Sinlaku, DPHSS continues to provide essential services while gradually reintroducing services, events, and activities.

The following highlights what is coming next during this transition.

- **April 29, 2026 (Wednesday) - DPHSS Child Abuse & Neglect Mandated Reporters Training**
 - Location & Time: via zoom from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 - Details: For more information, contact: (671) 475-2653
 - Joelyn Borja, SSSI at joelyn.borja@dphss.guam.gov
- **May 1, 2026 (Friday) - DPHSS Foster Care Proclamation Signing**
 - Location & Time: R.J. Bordallo Governor's Complex Conference Room, Adelup 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 - Details: For more information, contact: (671) 475-2653
 - Joelyn Borja, SSSI at joelyn.borja@dphss.guam.gov
- **May 1, 2026 (Friday) - DPHSS Hematology Clinic**
 - Location & Time: Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - Details: Patients diagnosed with hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease can receive examinations and care from visiting specialists from the Region IX Western States Regional Hemophilia Network (WSRHN). The care team is composed of adult and pediatric hematologists, a registered nurse, a physical therapist, and a social worker providing medical care, mobility guidance, and support services.

- To schedule a clinic appointment, contact: (671) 634-7408 or email:
 - Erlina Camaganacan, RN at erlina.camaganacan@dphss.guam.gov
 - Diana Santos, BSW at diana.santos@dphss.guam.gov
- **May 1-2, 2026 (Friday) - DPHSS Partnership, Guam Community Camp**
 - Location & Time: Pacific Islands Club, Tumon starting 8:30 a.m.
 - Details: In partnership with the WSRHN and the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation, and various sponsors, this two-day camp offers educational sessions, skill-building, arts and crafts, and other socialization activities for patients, loved ones, and service providers.
 - To register, contact: (671) 634-7408 or email:
 - Erlina Camaganacan, RN at erlina.camaganacan@dphss.guam.gov
 - Diana Santos, BSW at diana.santos@dphss.guam.gov
- **May 15, 2026 (Friday) - DPHSS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Proclamation Signing**
 - Location & Time: R.J. Bordallo Governor's Complex Conference Room, Adelup starting at 2:30 p.m.
 - Details: To proclaim the week of May 17 - 22, 2026 as EMK Week. For more information, contact Breanna Sablan via email at breanna.sablan@dphss.guam.gov or call the Health Professional Licensing Office / Office of the Emergency Medical Services at (671) 735-7410/2.
- **May 18, 2026 (Monday) - DPHSS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Safety Day**
 - Details: Our EMS heroes take center stage to showcase the 'Safety First' mindset and ambulance safety at various schools on Guam. For more information, contact Breanna Sablan via email at breanna.sablan@dphss.guam.gov or call the Health Professional Licensing Office / Office of the Emergency Medical Services at (671) 735-7410/2.
- **May 19, 2026 (Tuesday) - DPHSS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education Day**
 - Details: EMS personnel will feature educational displays and provide educational topics like 'Stop the Bleed' and hands-on CPR. For more information, contact Breanna Sablan via email at breanna.sablan@dphss.guam.gov or call the Health Professional Licensing Office / Office of the Emergency Medical Services at (671) 735-7410/2.
- **May 20, 2026 (Wednesday) - DPHSS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Parade of Lights and EMS for Children Day Health Fair**
 - Location & Time (EMS Parade of Lights): Ambulance and Firetrucks will tour the island starting from south to north at 8:15 a.m. followed by the EMS Children Day Health Fair
 - Location & Time (EMS Children Day Health Fair): Micronesia Mall from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - Details: Participants will have a chance to learn from educational displays, participate in hands-on CPR and 'Stop the Bleed' demonstrations, and learn how to call 911. For more information, contact Breanna Sablan via email at breanna.sablan@dphss.guam.gov or call the Health Professional Licensing Office / Office of the Emergency Medical Services at (671) 735-7410/2.
 - Those wishing to participate as an exhibitor must submit their application on or before May 08, 2026.
- **May 21, 2026 (Thursday) - DPHSS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Recognition Day**

- Details: On this day we will recognize our hard-working EMS personnel with the EMS Life Saving Award along with EMS Provider of the Year. For more information, contact Breanna Sablan via email at breanna.sablan@dphss.guam.gov or call the Health Professional Licensing Office / Office of the Emergency Medical Services at (671) 735-7410/2.
- **May 22, 2026 (Friday) - DPHSS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Wave**
 - Location & Time: ITC Intersection from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 - Details: The community is invited to take part to recognize and promote the work of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), Advanced Emergency Technicians (AEMTs) and Paramedics who continue to respond with skill, urgency and care in moments that matter most. For more information, contact Breanna Sablan via email at breanna.sablan@dphss.guam.gov or call the Health Professional Licensing Office / Office of the Emergency Medical Services at (671) 735-7410/2.
- **May 23, 2026 (Saturday) - DPHSS Guam Community Health Center (CHC) Back-to-School at NRCHC (Dededo)**
 - Location & Time: Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - Details: Get ready for school in one visit, back-to-school vaccinations and physical exams at the CHC's will be available. Services are available for children ages 4 years - 18 years old. Private insurance, Medicaid, and MIP accepted. Sliding Fee discounts available for uninsured and underinsured patients. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
 - What to bring:
 - Child's immunization record
 - Child's birth certificate
 - Parent/Guardian ID
 - Guardians must provide proof of guardianship or parental authorization
 - For more information, contact NRCHC: (671)635-74121
- **May 27, 2026 (Wednesday) - DPHSS Foster Care Month Wave**
 - Location & Time: Hagåtña (Old Bank of Hawaii) from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 - Details: For more information, contact: (671) 475-2653
 - Joelyn Borja, SSSI at joelyn.borja@dphss.guam.gov
- **May 30, 2026 (Saturday) - DPHSS Guam Community Health Center (CHC) Back-to-School at SRCHC (Inalåhan)**
 - Location & Time: Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC) 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - Details: Get ready for school in one visit, back-to-school vaccinations and physical exams at the CHC's will be available. Services are available for children ages 4 years - 18 years old. Private insurance, Medicaid, and MIP accepted. Sliding Fee discounts available for uninsured and underinsured patients. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
 - What to bring:
 - Child's immunization record
 - Child's birth certificate
 - Parent/Guardian ID
 - Guardians must provide proof of guardianship or parental authorization
 - For more information, contact SRCHC: (671)828-7511

- **May 31, 2026 - DPHSS Division of Children's Wellness (DCW) 3rd Annual Superhero 2k/5k Run/Walk/Fly**
 - Location & Time: CHamoru Village, Hagåtña starting at 6:00 a.m.
 - To register/pick up bibs:
 - Visit Micronesia Mall, Center Court (By escalator) See the schedule below:
 - May 16, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - May 17, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - May 23, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - May 24, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DPHSS expresses appreciation for the community's patience as recovery efforts continue. DPHSS will provide updates as services, events and activities are restored across Guam. For more news and updates from DPHSS, follow @dphssguam on Instagram and @guamdphss on Facebook, or visit dphss.guam.gov

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