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DPHSS Launches “Risk to Guam: An Epi Series”

Helping Guam answer one important question: What does this mean for us?

Hagåtña, Guam — When an outbreak emerges overseas or a new public health threat makes headlines, one question quickly follows: What does this mean for Guam?

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is helping answer that question through the launch of “Risk to Guam: An Epi Series,” a new public facing resource that translates emerging health events into Guam focused risk assessments that are accessible, relevant, and easy to understand.

Developed as part of DPHSS modernization efforts, the series helps bridge the gap between global public health developments and their potential impact on Guam. By examining available data, travel patterns, regional activity, and local public health considerations, the series provides timely assessments that support awareness, preparedness, and informed decision making.

The series is maintained and regularly updated by Patrick Sotto, DPHSS Territorial Epidemiologist, who evaluates emerging public health events and develops Guam specific risk assessments to help residents, healthcare providers, government agencies, and community partners better understand evolving situations.

“Public health information is most valuable when people can understand what it means for their families and communities,” said DPHSS Director Theresa C. Arriola. “Risk to Guam: An Epi Series is part of our continued effort to modernize how information is shared by making complex public health topics easier to access, easier to understand, and more relevant to Guam.”

Topics featured throughout the series may include emerging infectious diseases, disease outbreaks, environmental health concerns, and other public health events that warrant monitoring. Each assessment is designed to provide context, explain potential implications for Guam, and support public awareness as situations develop.

The launch reflects DPHSS’s broader commitment to modernization, transparency, and expanding access to trusted public health information. Through innovative digital tools and data driven communication, the department continues to strengthen how critical health information reaches the people it serves.

Residents can explore “Risk to Guam: An Epi Series” at:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/d17777add859413a87bb67677c9b415b>

The series will continue to be updated as new information becomes available and public health situations evolve.

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