

HEALTH ADVISORY



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“CHCC Outpatient Services Will Close at Noon Today; Pregnant Women Encouraged to Shelter at the CHCC During Typhoon Bualoi”

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) would like to provide the public with the following update in preparation for Typhoon Bualoi, which is expected to pass to the North of Saipan late Monday night into Tuesday morning.

CHCC clinics and outpatient services are closed as of 12PM NOON today – Monday, October 21. They will be closed tomorrow – Tuesday, October 22 – and are planned to re-open on Wednesday, October 23. **This information is subject to change based on weather conditions, and updates will be released via press release and social media regarding any changes.**

Outpatient Clinics (FCC, Women's, and Children's Clinics)

Outpatient Pharmacy

* Dialysis (*will remain open today until patients have been seen*)

Tinian Health Center

Rota Health Center

Bureau of Environmental Health

Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

Public Health:

- Immunization Clinic
- HIV/STD Treatment and Resource Center
- TB/Chest Clinic
- Dental Clinic

Community Guidance Center:

- Transitional Living Center
- Suicide Prevention Program
- Wellness Clinic
- System of Care
- Treatment and Recovery Clinic

Crisis Counseling Program YUTU is not open, but will still answer their helpline at 286-0027 (Saipan) or 783-7071 (Tinian). They will do their best to answer calls from residents 24/7, and we encourage you to call if you or a family member is in need of support.

Patients are being contacted to reschedule appointments that are affected by these closures.

All other CHCC services and administrative offices are CLOSED pending further updates.

The **CHCC will provide shelter for pregnant women who are at least 32 weeks pregnant or experiencing preterm labor during the typhoon.** Expectant mothers on Saipan are asked to check in at the Labor and Delivery ward of the CHCC, where they will be assessed for either admission or the option to shelter on-site in a designated area. Residents of Tinian and Rota can report to the Tinian and Rota Health Centers respectively.

If you are planning to shelter at the CHCC during the storm, please bring only one family member with at most. We also ask that you please eat a full meal before arriving at the hospital, and bring the following items, if possible, for your convenience and comfort:

- Identification and insurance cards
- Any prescription medications
- Drinking water
- Snacks that do not require refrigeration or heating
- Personal toiletries (toothbrush, soap, lotion, etc.)
- A change of clothing, including undergarments
- A set of newborn's clothing
- Cell phone and phone charger
- Books, tablets, games, and other entertainment to pass the time
- Personal pillows and blankets for additional comfort

Residents with other medical concerns, including those who need medical devices that require electricity, are asked to report to the Aging Office, which has been designated as a shelter for people with medical needs. Call (670) 664-2690 for transportation to designated shelters.

The CHCC recommends that all residents make sure they have enough of their prescription medications to last at least one week. This is especially important for people with diabetes, hypertension, or uncontrolled asthma. Store your medications in a water-proof container, and take them with you to wherever you are sheltering from the storm.

For weather updates and information on typhoon preparedness please visit:

NOAA National Hurricane Center: www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php

US National Weather Service Guam Facebook: www.facebook.com/NWSGuam

National Weather Service Guam Website: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam>

CNMI EOC State Warning Point Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cnmieocswp>

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency: www.cnmihsem.gov.mp

CNMI Joint Information Center Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JICNMI>

CNMI Office of the Governor Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CNMIGov>

For information and updates from the CHCC, please follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/cnmichcc) and Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

Tinian Health Center: (670) 433-9233/63
Rota Health Center: (670) 532-9461/62/63

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