



# GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

ATURIDÁT ESPETÁT MIMURIÁT GUÅHÑ

850 Governor Carlos Camacho Road, Tamuning, Guam 96913  
Operator: (671) 647-2330 or 2552 | Fax: (671) 649-5508



## For Immediate Release

Contact: Cindy Hanson

Public Information Officer

E: [communications@gmha.org](mailto:communications@gmha.org)

T: (671) 647-2218

## **GMHA Post-Typhoon Mawar Update**

*GMHA response to media inquiries seeking hospital recovery updates*

(Friday, June 2, 2023; Tamuning, Guam) As the community is acutely aware, last week Guam experienced the worst typhoon in 22 years. In the aftermath, most residents have not had access to reliable water, power, and oxygen, resulting in difficulties with medications and ongoing or chronic medical issues which has caused a dramatic increase in the number of patients coming to Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA).

Additionally, many local clinics have been delayed in reopening due to power and water outages. This has further resulted in the need for patients to come to the hospital for treatment. As Guam's only full-service acute care facility, GMHA serves all ages and demographics and continues to do so despite being in restoration mode in the wake of Typhoon Mawar.

GMHA is aware that GWA has issued a "boil water" notice for the island, regardless if water has been restored. However, we have no way to confirm if any of the medical conditions we are seeing in patients are related to water consumption and would not be able to share this information regarding patient care as we are bound by HIPAA, which protects patient confidentiality and privacy.

As stated on the GMHA website, our hospital has 161 beds. However, due to the high volume of patients, GMHA is experiencing a shortage of available beds. Patient saturation is affecting both hospitals that serve the community, as noted in local media. While Guam hospitals occasionally experience elevated patient saturation levels, GMHA has worked hard to continue accommodating all patients as all hospitals are experiencing a "storm spike." GMHA has also brought in additional temporary medical staff from the National Disaster Medical System, under the HHS, to help alleviate the typhoon-related influx of patients. GMHA currently employs 345 nurses in addition to other medical staff.

GMHA is always in need of talented nurses and other medical staff. Typhoon Mawar has placed additional pressure on our already hard-working staff, many of whom continued working while the storm reached its peak. Anyone with a nursing license or other relevant background who is interested in volunteering or joining our team on a full or part-time basis should contact the GMHA Human Resources department at (671) 647-2555. GMHA is also in need of Emergency Room Technicians.



# GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

## ATURIDÁT ESPETÁT MIMURIÁT GUÅHÑ

850 Governor Carlos Camacho Road, Tamuning, Guam 96913  
Operator: (671) 647-2330 or 2552 | Fax: (671) 649-5508



Currently, GMHA is on island power, however, we continue to experience issues with water. We are grateful to the Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) who have been sending tankers to GMHA to refill the hospital's water reservoir tanks several times a day. GMHA has issued a water conservation policy within the hospital to ensure water is available for patient care.

The GMHA cafeteria re-opened today after being closed due to an electrical fire that took place during Typhoon Mawar. We would like to thank A&L BBQ and .50 CAL-Zone for offering healthy meal options for our staff to purchase on a daily basis.

For more information on GMHA, we invite the public to visit our social media sites.

#

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#)

