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Community Update:

GMHA Resumes Visitation Following Smoke Incident on Third Floor

(Saturday, December 20, 2025; Tamuning, Guam) Visitation has now resumed following the smoke incident reported earlier today on the third floor in the telemetry area. After thorough assessments conducted by the GMHA Facilities Maintenance team, all systems have been confirmed safe, and normal visitation hours have been reinstated. The Guam Fire Department and Guam Power Authority were present to support the response efforts led by our hospital teams.

"I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our staff for the calm and compassionate way they responded today," said Interim CEO Dr. Joleen M. Aguon. "From the very first moment, their attention was on keeping our patients safe and supporting one another. Their teamwork, along with the steady assistance from GFD and GPA, helped us bring the situation under control quickly and safely. I am deeply grateful to our patients and families for their patience, understanding, and trust."

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, who was on site to assess the situation firsthand, acknowledged the hospital's leadership and quick response. "I want to thank the GMHA team for acting swiftly and calmly today. Seeing the staff work together with such professionalism reassured me that our patients were in good hands. The Guam Fire Department and Guam Power Authority provided valuable support, but it was the hospital team leading the response that made all the difference. I am grateful for their dedication and for the strong partnerships we rely on to keep our community safe."

Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio also commended the hospital team. "GMHA staff led today's response with professionalism and care. I am proud of the way they acted immediately to safeguard patients and staff and appreciative of the agencies that stepped in to support the hospital as needed."

GMHA extends sincere thanks to the community for its patience throughout the day and to all staff and partners whose swift action ensured the safety and well-being of everyone at our hospital.





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GMHA will continue to share updates as needed and remains committed to the safety and care of our patients, staff, and island community.

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