





# CONFLICTS AND ISSUES THAT MAY IMPACT EDUCATION ON GUÅHAN



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This pandemic has caused island residents to be placed in unprecedented situations. A lot of families are struggling just to make ends meet. Household operations are being affected as they brainstorm ways to make working from home, attending classes online work in conjunction with their family responsibilities.

Families are experiencing unemployment, decreased paycheck, unstable homes, hostile environments, additional responsibilities, and so much more. This pandemic is hitting each family on Guam in different ways.

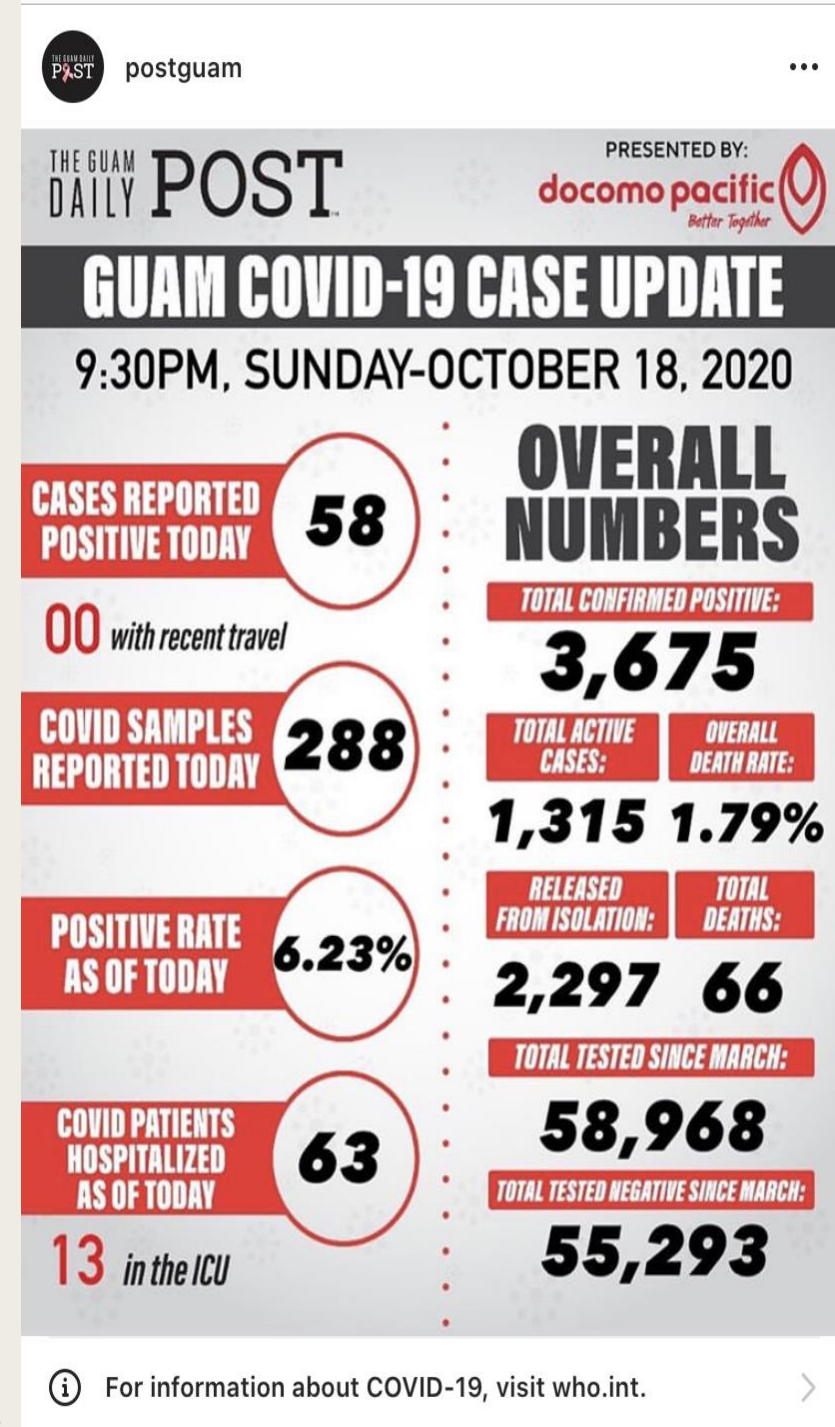
How do these issues affect our students? For as long as this pandemic lasts, these issues may remain while some may get better. However, there is no going back to “normal” until this virus is completely wiped off the face of the Earth.

I have chosen to focus on the following issues towards education because I have experienced it. I have witnessed these issues affect my students, my son, and myself.

# What can we do, as educators, to help our students?

When a family member is sick, it will change the way the household operates for the duration of the illness. Our students come from many different walks of life and live in different types of households. If one of their family members becomes sick, the household will have to adjust accordingly. Students will need emotional support and compassion when it comes to their assignments.

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# What can we do, as educators, to help our students?

The number of unemployment on Guam is increasing as businesses close their doors or downsize as a result of this pandemic. This financial stress can cause our families to be placed in situations they are not used to. Our students may be experiencing emotional stress as they are placed in those unprecedented situations. Our students will need guidance and tools that will help them in emotionally overcoming their situation.



## LOCAL

### Almost 20K Guam residents have filed for unemployment and are awaiting payment

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While the number of unemployment claims climbed to 19,861 as of Thursday, June 18, residents continue to await word from the Guam Department of Labor regarding their payments.

The labor agency spent this week establishing its payment process with the Department of Administration. The agency has until Sunday to pay out the first set of error-free claims that were filed at

Families are being affected including their children. We, as educators, need to remember to always be kind and show compassion during these difficult times. We are all experiencing a shift in our lives which also affects our children. When a child's home life is compromised so is their emotional and mental health.

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