



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Office of the Governor  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor  
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**For Immediate Release**

**April 13, 2026**

**11:00 AM (ChST)**

*Governor David M. Apatang to declare*  
**Typhoon Condition I for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota**  
**Tropical Storm Condition I for Pagan and Alamagan**  
*At 2:00 PM ChST*

**(CNMI Office of the Governor)** – As of 11:00 AM, the CNMI Office of the Governor and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), in consultation with the National Weather Service (NWS Guam) Weather Forecast Office (WFO), **will declare Typhoon Condition I for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and Tropical Storm Condition I for Pagan and Alamagan effective 2:00 pm, today, April 13, 2026.**

Typhoon Condition I means that damaging winds of 74 mph or more are expected within 12 hours or less; Tropical Storm Condition I means that tropical storm conditions, including winds of 39 mph or more, are possible within 12 hours.

The National Weather Service – Guam has estimated that residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will begin seeing damaging winds on Monday (4/13/26) night. The time of passage, according to NWS Guam, is estimated to be on Tuesday morning into Wednesday morning. **Residents of Saipan and Tinian are asked to prepare for a Category 4 Typhoon, which will bring sustained winds of 130-156mph, with gusts of 168-197mph. Residents of Rota are asked to prepare for Category 1 winds which will bring 74-95mph winds.**

Because of the projected impact of Super Typhoon Sinlaku, residents currently living in non-concrete or otherwise vulnerable structures are strongly advised to relocate to more structurally sound shelters without delay. The public is advised to remain off the roadways and avoid nonessential travel to allow first responders clear and safe access.

Super Typhoon Sinlaku is located 295 miles southeast of Saipan, moving northwest at 9 mph. It is expected to maintain this general course and speed through Tuesday.

The following updates incorporates the latest information from the different emergency management resources, programs, and activities:

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Caller Box 10007, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950  
EOC STATE WARNING POINT (24/7) Tel. No. (670) 237-8000 or (670) 664-8000 Fax No. (670) 322-9500



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**Shelter Updates**

**Shelters Activated**

Shelters opened up at 4:00 pm on April 12, 2026. Residents who need shelter assistance are asked to use the shelters closest to their homes. Residents are expected to bring their own bedding, food, and drinks to the shelter. No pets are permitted in the shelter unless they are **certified service animals**. An ID should be presented upon entry. To ensure the safety and comfort of all residents, we kindly ask that those seeking shelter bring only essential items. Due to limited space and capacity at our shelter locations.

1. Saipan: Kagman High School (North), Koblerville Elementary (South), and Marianas High School (Central).
2. Tinian: Tinian Elementary School
3. Rota: Sinapalo Office on Aging (Primary), Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School (Secondary)

For Saipan, the **Office on Aging** is open to accommodate persons with disabilities and those with medical needs. Services under these categories include individuals who are wheelchair bound, who need oxygen, and those with ailments that do not need to be admitted to the hospital.

For Rota, the **Office on Aging** in Sinapalo is the designated shelter. For inquiries, please call Valerie Q. Apatang at (670) 532-2656.

**Sheltering for Registered Sex Offenders:** The Registered Sex Offenders' designated shelter is located at the Koberville Youth Center. Family members of registered sex offenders are not allowed to accompany the registered sex offender into the shelter.

**Transportation to Shelters**

Transportation services to typhoon shelters for





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	<p>the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota can be accessed by contacting the following telephone numbers:</p> <p><b>Saipan, Tinian, and Rota:</b></p> <p>EOC State Warning Point: (670) 237-8000 or (670) 664-8000</p>
<p><b>Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC)</b></p>	<p><b>Health Center Hours During Storm</b></p> <p>Upon declaration of Typhoon Condition II or I, all CHCC Outpatient Clinics, the Rota Health Center, and the Tinian (LCVA) Health Center outpatient services will be closed. Patients affected by these closures will be contacted to reschedule their appointments.</p> <p>Emergency Rooms at CHC Hospital, Rota Health Center, and the LCVA (Tinian) Health Center will remain open 24/7, regardless of weather conditions, to ensure access to urgent care.</p> <p>Elective surgeries scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026, will be canceled and rescheduled. Our team will reach out directly to patients with updated information.</p> <p>Hemodialysis services will also be closed on Monday, April 13, 2026. Affected patients will be contacted directly to coordinate rescheduling and continuity of care.</p> <p><b>Advisory for Expectant Mothers</b></p> <p>Expectant mothers who are at least 36 weeks pregnant or at risk for preterm labor may seek shelter through CHCC. Please call (670) 234-8950 for assistance. Residents of Tinian and Rota may report directly to their respective health centers.</p> <p><b>Advisory Regarding Filling Medication</b></p> <p>We strongly encourage all residents to prepare</p>





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	<p>at least a one-week supply of prescription medications, especially those managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, or asthma. Be sure to store medications in a waterproof container. The CHCC Outpatient Pharmacy will be open Sunday, April 12, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for medication refills.</p> <p>CHCC continues to monitor the situation closely and will provide updates as needed. Stay safe, stay prepared, and look out for one another.</p> <p><b>Community Guidance Center</b></p> <p>All Behavioral Programs and Services are closed on Monday, April 13, 2026.</p> <p>Emergency Contact Numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 988 For Behavioral Health Crisis</li> <li>• (670) 788-0114 For Addictions Services Unit</li> <li>• (670) 287-4063 For Transitional Living Center</li> </ul> <p>For more information, please call (670) 234-8950</p>
<p><b>Department of Public Safety (DPS)</b></p>	<p><b>Beach Closures:</b> All CNMI beaches are closed for swimming or any other recreational activities beginning Monday, April 13, due to hazardous conditions caused by Typhoon Sinlaku. Do not attempt to enter the water. DPS Marine Patrol will be actively monitoring our shoreline areas to enforce the closure.</p>

**Stay Informed**

The Office of the Governor advises the community to keep a close watch on official updates regarding weather forecasts and stay informed about the latest statements and advisories, which will be available through official channels (listed below) and media partners.





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For additional information, visit the following:

- CNMIEOCStateWarning Point Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cnmieocswp/>
- CNMIOfficeoftheGovernor Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cnmigovernor>
- NWSWebsite: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWSFacebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- Joint Typhoon Warning Center Website: <https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

For more information, contact HSEM Public Information Officer Bernard Villagomez at [b.villagomez@cnmihsem.gov.mp](mailto:b.villagomez@cnmihsem.gov.mp) or call 670-287-7106.

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