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SINLAKU RECOVERY UPDATE

As of Wednesday, May 6, 2026

The Joint Information Center (JIC) continues to coordinate response and recovery messaging following the impacts of Typhoon Sinlaku. Response agencies and partners are working around the clock to restore critical services and support affected communities across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

POWER & WATER

Active Utilities Restoration Updates

While Feeder 1 & 3 have reached 98% energization of primary lines, marking strong progress in restoring main distribution circuits along roadways, this does not equate to full restoration of power to residential areas. Homes receive electricity through *lateral lines branching from these primary lines*, and those connections may still require repair and energization before service is restored to individual households.

CUC appreciates the community's continued patience and support as restoration efforts progress.

POWER RESTORATION SNAPSHOT

Utility	Saipan	Tinian	Rota
Power	100% Offline** Pending count in restored areas	100% Offline	Back to Normal Operations

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Water	49% Restored (Boil Notice)	99% Operational Boil Notice Cancelled	100% Restored
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Saipan Restoration

System Status & Safety

- **Outages:** 15,624 customers remain without power**, including 11,769 residential customers.
 - **pending count of customers online on Feeder 1, Kiya 3 and Kiya 4 as of 05/03/2026.
- **Infrastructure:** A total of 624 power poles are confirmed down.
- **Hazardous Materials:** EPA and FEMA support for hazardous material cleanup, including damaged transformers, has begun. As of 04/30/2026, there have been a total of 46 transformers retrieved.

Transmission & Feeder Updates

- **Feeder 1 & 3 - Percent of primary lines energized: 98%**
 - **Work in Progress**
 - Pending primary line restoration towards Navy Hill and Calhoun anticipated to be completed the evening of 05/05/2026.
 - Energizing customer laterals near the primary lines (or main road on Beach Road Garapan and Middle Road Chalan Kiya).
 - Pending restoration work on secondary laterals.
- **Feeder 4 - Percent of primary lines energized: 0%**
 - **Work in Progress**
 - Replacement of down power poles along the primary lines on Isa Drive from Capitol Hill, Papago, As Teo and Kagman areas.
- **Feeder 7 - Percent of primary lines energized: 40%**
 - **Work in Progress**
 - Energizing Feeder 7, 1st Partial (from the CUC Power Plant no.1 towards the Tanapag Mobil gas station).
 - Securing load on laterals for energization, reframing, restringing primary lines on Feeder 7, 2nd Partial. Pending restoration work on secondary laterals.
- **Kiya 1 - Percent of primary lines energized: 30%**

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- Completed restoration work of primary lines in the Isley and Obyan well fields.
- **Work in Progress**
 - Restringing and reframing of primary conductors along lower Dandan toward San Vicente.
- **Kiya 2 - Percent of primary lines energized: 0%**
 - **Work in Progress**
 - Coordination ongoing for line locates for water and wastewater underground assets and the IT&E for cable locate for the installation of concrete power poles.
 - Restoration work in progress restringing and reframing primary lines on Koberville Road towards the Mobil gas station and San Antonio (near Pacific Islands Club).
- **Kiya 3 - Percent of primary lines energized: 90%**
 - **Work in Progress**
 - Partial energizing of Kiya 3 feeder (Portions of Beach Road, and Middle Road).
- **Kiya Substation: Installation of FEMA generator completed on 04/28/2026. Pending procurement of the substation DC Batteries**
- **Kiya 4 – Percent of primary lines energized: 0%**
 - **Work in Progress**
 - Partial energizing of Kiya 4 feeder (Portions of Beach Road, Oleai to Susupe).
- **Kiya Substation - Installation of the substation DC Batteries (20 units of 102AMP Hour) at the Power Plant no. 1 and Chalan Kiya Substation is ongoing.**
 - **Work in Progress**
 - Ongoing restoration work to include assessment, disconnection of all substation hardware in preparation of testing of the step-up and step-down transformers.

Current Stats as of 5/2/2026: 631 poles down (107 Poles Replaced) | 552 transformers down | 15,624 total customers out (11,769 residential).**

****Pending count of customers online on Feeder 1, Feeder 7, Kiya 3 and Kiya 4 as of 05/04/2026.**

Saipan Power Generation Facilities

Facility	Status Update

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<p>Plants 1 & 2</p>	<p>Preliminary damage assessments are completed. A contractor started repairs of side walls to prevent further water ingress into the switchgears and protect the generators-85% complete.</p> <p>Diesel Engine (DE#1) online with a peak load of approximately 5MW. Work in Progress - DE#2 and DE#3: Ongoing heating.</p>
<p>Plant 3</p>	<p>Backup generator is operational. Total energy production as of 05/04/2026 is 4,498kWh.</p>
<p>Plant 4</p>	<p>Diesel Engines no. 2 and no. 3 (DE#2/DE#3) are standby for extra load.</p>
<p>Aggreko</p>	<p>Coordination began with CUC PP1 and Aggreko. Pending heating up of the controls and step up transformer at PP1.</p>

Tinian & Rota Restoration

- **Tinian:** Feeder assessments are 90% complete; **111 poles and 55 transformers are confirmed down as of 5/03/2026.** All feeders remain **offline** (1,059 customers out).
 - Number of down power poles: 111 as of 05/04/2026
 - Number of transformers: 55 as of 05/04/2026
 - Linear foot of down aluminum conductors: 53,164 of 556 conductors as of 05/04/2026
 - Number of damaged streetlights: 89 as of 05/04/2026
 - Number of residential weather heads damaged: 116 as of 05/04/2026

Work in Progress

- **Feeder 2:** Restoration work towards critical facilities to include the shelters and the Tinian Health Center.
- Ongoing work with switching the 4160V system to 13.8kV system at the Isla Community Clinic to Tinian Health Center.

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- **Feeder 3:** Completed replacement & re-sagging 3.5 spans of 556 conductors, reframed wooden crossarms, replaced distribution hardware such as saddle pins, insulators, machine bolts, washers and isolated customers on Feeder 3 towards the Maui 2 well.
- **Tinian Power Generation**
 - Major damages to power plant structure. Ongoing assessments, debris removal, clean-up of facility and securing engines & auxiliaries, switchgear, substation areas and security fence line repairs.
 - (No Change) CUC Saipan Engineering team assessed the Power Plant System on 04/20/2026 and 04/23/2026.
 - An additional assessment was performed on 04/25/2026.
 - Station power backup generator is operational and online as of 04/29/2026.
- **Rota:** 100% of primary lines are energized on Feeders 1 and 2. Only 8 customers remain without power due to individual infrastructure damage.

WATER RESTORATION

Saipan Water

- **Current Production:** As of 05/04/2026: 8.6 MG/D out of 11.5MG/D (75% production).
- **Customer Access:** 49% (4,311 of 8,758 customers).
- **Infrastructure:** 63% (86 of 138) of wells and facilities are online. 20 are on the CUC power grid; 29 wells are on CUC generator; 37 wells are on FEMA Generator
 - A FEMA generator has been installed at IF28 water well which provides water to the Saipan International Airport.

⚠️ BOIL WATER NOTICE REMAINS IN EFFECT.

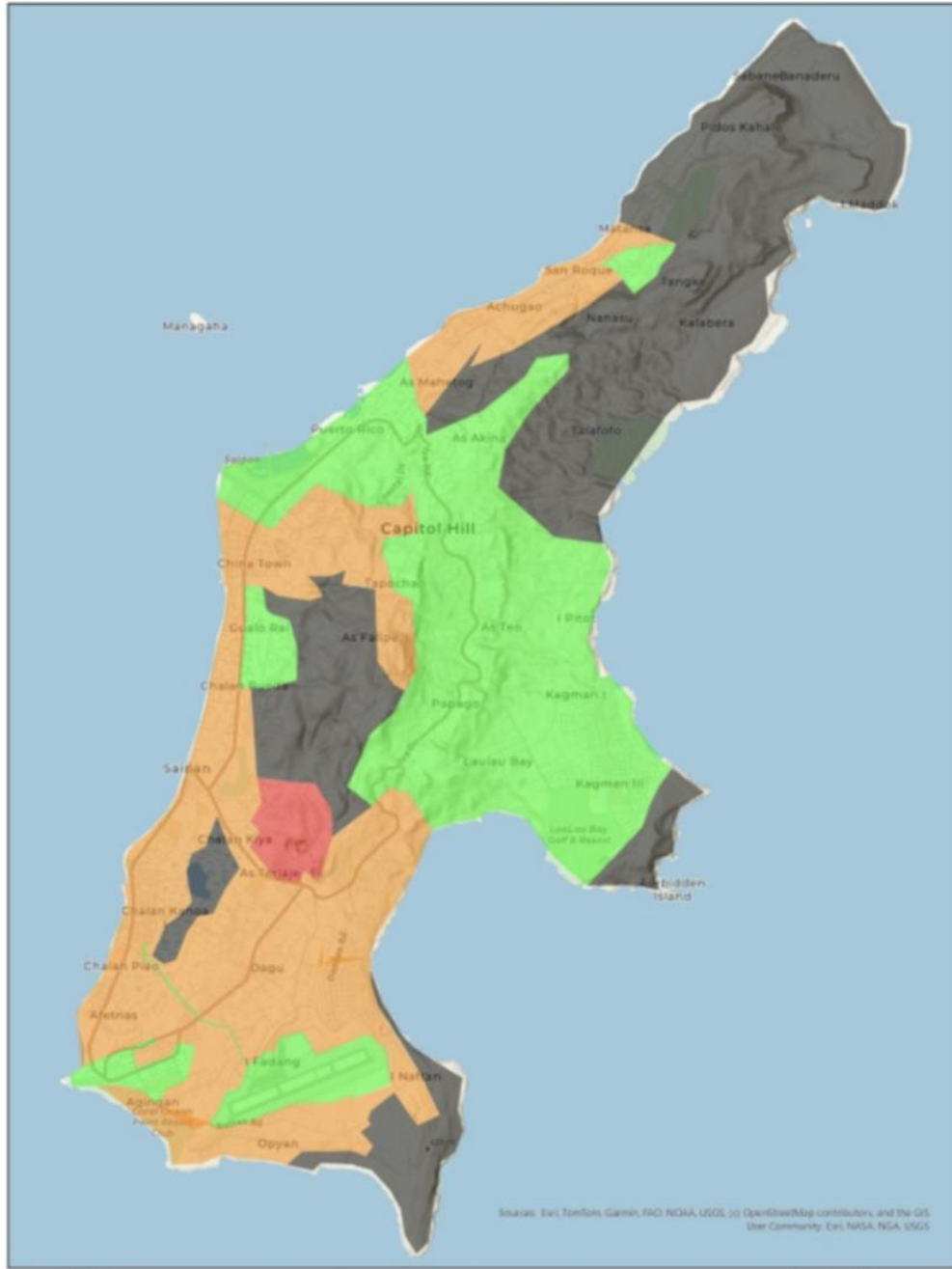
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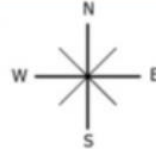


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Saipan Areas Receiving Water 5/04/2026 1300



0 1 2 4 Kilometers



ReceivingWater
24 Hours
Not Served By CUC
By Availability
Water Unavailable

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Saipan Filling Stations (Effective 04/30)

- Capitol Hill Water Filling Station | Open 8AM - 6PM DAILY
- Puerto Rico Water Filling Station | Open 8AM - 11PM DAILY
- Chalan Kanoa Water Filling Station | Open 8AM - 11PM DAILY
- Tuturam – San Vicente Water Filling Station | Open 8AM - 11PM DAILY

Effective Friday, May 1, 2026 the KOBLERVILLE and KAGMAN WATER FILLING STATIONS will be **CLOSED.**

Tank Service Area (TSA)	Estimated Customers with Water		No. of Customers
	Count	Percent	
As Matuis	212	45%	470
Kannat Tabla	0	0%	764
As Terlaje	299	95%	315
Capitol Hill	427	98%	436
Puerto Rico	534	65%	822
Agag	290	100%	290
Rapagao	132	85%	155
Calhoun	118	25%	471
Dandan	146	20%	730
Gualo Rai	145	95%	153
Isley/Koblerville	575	30%	1,918
Kagman	1,088	100%	1,088
San Vicente	199	20%	993
Papago	145	95%	153
Total	4,311	49%	8,758

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Saipan Wastewater

- **Wastewater facilities successfully connected to the CUC power grid**
 - **Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant online on 05/05/2026**
- **14 lift stations running on CUC generators; 10 supported by portable generators (rotational use).**
 - Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant generator is monitored and fueled by
 - FEMA.
- **9 facilities now operational with FEMA generators (A1, A3, A4, A5, A15, T1, S1, S3, S11 Lift Stations) as of 05/05/2026.**
- **FEMA generator swap process is underway for the following lift stations: A5, A6 and W5. Generators for A5, A6, and W5 were back online as of 05/03/2026 at approximately 8:50PM.**
- FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) program resumed; prioritizing damage assessments.
- 6 lift stations require weather head replacements (A9, A13, W8, S1, S8, T1); repairs pending.

Tinian Water Update

- **Water Service:** 99% online; 861 total customers (679 residential).
- **Damage Assessment:** Damages were observed on the roof of the Tinian Water Tank. Engineering performed a damage assessment for the tank and Maui 2 booster station on 04/29/2026. Pending cost estimate for the temporary and permanent repairs to the water tank roof.
- **System Operations:** Maui 2 well running on backup generator.

⚠️ BOIL WATER NOTICE IS OFFICIALLY CANCELLED AS OF 05/06/2026.

Rota Water Update

- **System Status:** 100% online; 863 total customers (681 residential).
- **Notice:** Precautionary Boil Water Notice was officially canceled as of April 22, 2026.
- **Infrastructure:** Solar chlorination system is non-operational; CUC is using an alternative chlorination source.

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PUBLIC WORKS

NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS SITREP

Kagman Temporary Green Waste Disposal Site

The Kagman Temporary Green Waste Debris Storage and Reduction Site will open today, May 3, at 10:00 AM to receive residential green waste. Beginning May 4, regular operating hours will be 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily. For more information, contact the Solid Waste Office at (670) 322-2745 or visit dpw.gov.mp.

Location pin: <https://bit.ly/kagmangreenwaste>

As Gonno Temporary Debris Waste Disposal Site

- The As Gonno Temporary Debris Waste Disposal Site was opened on April 28, 2026 at 10AM to receive green waste.
 - Operating Hours moving forward will be 8:00AM - 5:00PM daily.
 - Other typhoon-related debris will be collected at a later date and announced through official channels.

COMMUNICATIONS

Network Coverage Overview

- **Provider 1 Statistics:** Saipan (97%), Rota (100%), Tinian (55%).
- **Provider 2 Statistics:** Rota (100% on Mobile Services), Tinian (100% Restored), Saipan (Most of the island has already been restored).

Restored Areas: Saipan

- **Newly Restored:** Capitol Hill Homestead
- **Active Sectors:** Grandvrio, Dandan, Mt. Tapochao, Kagman, Kensington Hotel, Sasha Building (Quarter Master Rd), D'Sebastian Building (Tanapag), MH2 Building (Puerto Rico), Lower Base (CUC Powerplant), Paradiso Resort, Crowne Plaza, Torres Building (across Sugar King Park), Herman's Bakery, CNMI Homeland Security, Finasisu Kiyu-Ville, Koblerville Village, Nauru Building, Afetna Supermarket, Thunder Chicken Restaurant, RJ Plaza (across Joeten Dandan), Saipan International Airport, Gualo Rai BECQ, Navy Hill, Sadog Tasi, San Vicente, China Town, Aquarius Tower, Marpi Radar.

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Tinian

- **Status:** 100% restored on mobile services.

Rota

- **Status:** 100% restored on mobile services.
- **Rota Home Services Update:** Approximately 88% of customers with Home Internet, Cable TV, and Home Phone services have been restored.

FUEL AVAILABILITY

NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS SITREP

Island	Provider	Locations & Hours
Saipan	Shell	Highway Express (6:00 AM – 7:00 PM) Dandan and San Roque Stations will Close at 2400ChST on May 6, 2026 Susupe and Puerto Rico Stations Will Open on May 7, 2026
	Mobil	Garapan (6:00AM - 8:15PM; 9:45PM - 6:00AM) Chalan Kiya, Chalan Piao, Middle Road, Koblerville, Sadog Tasi, San Vicente, Susupe (7:00AM - 7:00PM AS OF APRIL 30, 2026)
Tinian	Tinian Fuel Services	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Rota	Multiple	Luta Gas & Sasanhaya (6:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority

From 4/10/2026 to 5/6/2026 - 589 TRANSPORTS

Current Operations

- Call-A-Ride Rota (CARR) is fully operational.
- Call-A-Ride Saipan (CARS) is only operating for essential trips (hemodialysis, prescription refills, clinic visits, and scheduled appointments).
 - **Demand Response services are also available for transport to relief and recovery sites.**
- Fixed Route Blue Line 1B is operational under modified service hours. Operational hours are Sunday-Saturday from 6:30AM to 5:30PM.
 - With missing bus stop signs, please raise your hand to flag down our drivers before the bus arrives.
- Call-A-Ride Tinian (CART) is fully operational. Please call (670) 236-2682 to make your reservations.

SHELTERS & HOUSING

Saipan Shelters & Housing

- Garapan Elementary School
- Kagman Community Center
- Koblerville Elementary School
- Marianas High School (1)
- Marianas High School (2)
- Non Congregate Shelter (NCS) -Crowne Plaza
- NCS-Fina Sisu Terraces
- Oleai Elementary School

Tinian Shelters & Housing

- NCS-Western Lodge

Current Shelter Population: 399 (decrease of 7)

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Transition to long-term sheltering (Tier 2) is ongoing. Kagman Community Center (KCC) currently houses 60 individuals; with three (3) transfers from Dandan School, occupancy will increase to 63. Preparations at Tanapag Youth Center continue, focusing on water pump and shower installation.

Meal support from World Central Kitchen for seniors has concluded. The Office on Aging will assume full responsibility for meal delivery to homebound elders to ensure no service disruption. In addition to shelter operations, support to seniors continues, including essential services, resource coordination, transportation to medical appointments, elder safety monitoring, and ongoing meal provision.

HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES

NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS SITREP

Saipan Health & Medical Services

- **CHCC Emergency Dept:** 24/7 Operations.
- **Outpatient Clinics**
 - Family Care: Mon-Fri (7AM–6PM), Sat (8AM–5PM).
 - Children’s Clinic: Mon-Fri (7AM–6PM), Sat (8AM–5PM).
 - Women’s Clinic: Mon-Fri (7:30 AM – 4:30 PM).
- **Pharmacy:** 8 AM – 5:30 PM (Drive-thru available). Closed for lunch 12:00–12:30.
- **Samaritan’s Purse:** Daily 8 AM – 8 PM (CHCC Upper Parking Lot).
- **WIC:** Remote services (over-the-phone) have been restored from a temporary outage. Please Contact (670) 664-4084 or (670) 236-8741
 - Monday - Friday from 12:30PM to 4:30PM.
- **Private Clinics:** Medical Associates (8 AM – 4 PM), Isla Community Health - Kagman (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM), Isla Community Health - Southern (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM), Saipan Health Clinic (9:30 AM – 12:30 PM). Sagan Hinemlo Family Clinic (Tuesdays, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM; Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM)

Tinian Health & Medical Services

Lucia “Chiang” Villagomez Arizapa Health Center

TEMPORARILY CLOSED while the **Emergency Room** remains open.
Contact (670) 285-9342.

- **OUTPATIENT PHARMACY**
 - Hours: 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM (Monday – Friday)

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- CLOSED ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS

Rota Health & Medical Services

Rota Health Center

- Hours: 7:30AM – 4:30PM
- OUTPATIENT PHARMACY
 - 8AM – 5:30 (Monday – Friday)
 - CLOSED ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS

The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program

The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program, or EPAP is a federal program that helps uninsured people in disaster areas get the prescription drugs, vaccinations, medical supplies, and equipment that they need.

Who qualifies? Answer: People without health insurance

People who qualify for EPAP can replace certain prescription medicine, medical supplies vaccines and certain pieces medical equipment that were:

- Lost or damaged while evacuating or because of the disaster
- Not refilled before disaster
- Lost or damaged at evacuation shelter

You are ineligible for the EPAP if you have

- Individual health insurance policy
- Employer-sponsored coverage
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Other third-party coverage

If EPAP is activated in your area after a disaster, follow these steps for help:

- Make sure you qualify for EPAP
- Find out if your prescription or medical supplies are covered by EPAP
- Find a pharmacy participating in EPAP
- Give the pharmacy your medical information

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EDUCATION

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CNMI Public School System

- Schools Closed/Open: All CNMI Public School System employees will return to work on April 30, 2026, as campus cleanup and safety assessments continue. A Special Board of Education meeting is tentatively planned for May 1, 2026, to help determine next steps, including the timeline for students to return.
- Some campuses remain in use as community shelters under the American Red Cross.
- **FOOD ASSISTANCE – STUDENT MEAL DISTRIBUTION**
 - The CNMI Public School System will begin grab-and-go meal distribution for students starting May 4, 2026, while schools remain closed due to Typhoon Sinlaku impacts.
 - Meals (breakfast and lunch combined) will be available Monday through Friday, 0900–1300, while supplies last, across designated sites on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.
 - Students must present a valid school ID to receive meals (one meal set per ID). Limited distribution (up to two meal sets) will be available for vehicles without IDs. Private school and Head Start students are also eligible.
- Schools remain closed as cleanup and recovery efforts continue.
- **Promotion and Graduation Ceremonies will proceed as scheduled in the SY 25-26 BOE-approved K-12 Calendar.**

2026 High School Graduation Dates

Date	School	Time
May 27	Tinian High School	4:00 PM
May 29	Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Senior High School	4:00 PM

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June 2	Marianas High School	4:00 PM
June 3	Kagman High School	4:00 PM
June 4	Da'ok Academy	4:00 PM
June 5	Saipan Southern High School	4:00 PM

2026 Middle & Jr. High School Promotion Dates

Date	School	Time
May 27	Tinian Middle School	9:00 AM
May 28	Dandan Middle School	9:00 AM
May 29	Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School	9:00 AM

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June 2	Chacha Oceanview Middle School	9:00 AM
June 3	Francisco M. Sablan Middle School	9:00 AM
June 4	Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School	9:00 AM
June 5	Tanapag Middle School	9:00 AM

Online Learning Update

All online students have successfully completed 13 of the 14 required weeks of coursework. The final week will be waived. Online teachers will be finalizing grades, which are expected to be posted within the next two weeks. Students may also reach out directly to their teachers for additional information or clarification.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Students who choose to take their Advanced Placement (AP) exams are scheduled to test from May 27 to May 29, 2026. Testing locations will be announced at a later date. Students may also opt out of AP exams. Those who wish to do so should communicate with their school's AP Coordinator or principal for additional information.

Northern Marianas College

- Northern Marianas College (NMC) has announced that the Spring 2026 term is ending early in response to the ongoing recovery from Super Typhoon Sinlaku.
- To further support students during these challenging times, NMC has activated a dedicated student hotline: (670) 285-2059/7651 available from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. WhatsApp messaging is an available option as well. More information is available at www.marianas.edu.

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Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTech)

- **NMTech is currently running the generator from the hours of 8:30am-3:30pm Monday-Thursday. NMTech staff is on campus and have assignments for recovery and clean-up duties only.**
- **NMTech classes are on hold until further notice. NMTech workshops and classrooms are not operational.**

AIRPORT OPERATIONS

Saipan International Airport

Status

- Daily (daylight) flights available on United Airlines, Micronesian Air Cargo/Connection Services (MACS) and Star Marianas Air (SMA) between Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota only. The Airport has no power and is powered by a generator. Limited running water.
- Airport Runway Assessment: Due to damage to navigational aids (navaids), flights are limited to DAYTIME operations only.
- **FAA has completed partial repairs to navigational aids, with remaining items still in progress. With support from Guam International Airport Authority, key airport systems including signage, runway/taxiway lighting, and Arrival Carousel A have been restored, and power has been reestablished in the Arrival Terminal and parking areas. However, power issues persist in the Departure Terminal, requiring continued manual baggage inspections by TSA with support from Ports Police K-9 and CBP.**
- Additional assistance is being provided by staff from the Guam International Airport Authority to assess the apron and taxiway lights, runway signs and miscellaneous items around the terminal buildings.
- Loading Bridges (Jetways): All six bridges sustained damage, however, Jetway #2 is now operational. Jetway #6 is being repaired now. Two stair-carts will be used as a backup; increasing our enplaning and deplaning to three.
- Perimeter Fence: The perimeter fence line repairs are at 45% complete. Phase 2 is to fabricate chain link gates for all three (3) terminal gates.

Flights

- United Airlines resuming daily Guam service (effective April 23, 2026)
 - Arrival: 8:50 AM
 - Departure: 9:55 AM
- MACS and Star Marianas Air (SMA) operating daytime commuter and cargo flights

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- United: Due to the operational complexities caused by Typhoon Sinlaku, United Airlines has made the difficult decision to suspend flights from Narita (NRT) to Saipan (SPN) from May 7 through July 10, 2026.

Capacity & Operations

- Flights limited to daytime operations only (due to damaged navigational aids)
- **Jetway #2 is having issues, therefore, all loading bridges are currently in-operable and assessments are continuing. Stair-carts are being used at this time**
- 2 stair carts available as backup
- **The perimeter fence line repairs are at 70% complete. Phase 2 is to fabricate chain link gates for all three (3) terminal gates.**

Francisco Manglona Borja/Tinian International Airport

- Open for Humanitarian flights only with limited daytime operations.
- Tinian Airport is experiencing issues with the FEMA generator; therefore, the airport is, once again, without power.

Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport (Rota)

- Open and operational

SEAPORT OPERATIONS

Current Status

- The Port of Saipan is open for commercial traffic and cargo operations without restrictions. All cargo operations shall be conducted at the discretion and under the coordination of Saipan Stevedore Company and the vessel agent.
 - **City power has been restored on the port side and the dock lights are energized.**
- The Port of Tinian is under Port Heavy Weather Condition (PHWC) WHISKEY as of 12:00 p.m, May 4, 2026. The Port of Tinian is open for commercial traffic and cargo operations without restrictions.
- Rota West Harbor
 - **Berth 2 cargo delivery loading and discharge remains suspended.**
 - **Cargo operations at Berth 1 may resume with the following conditions:**
 - **Vessel mooring is authorized only during daytime hours and in favorable sea conditions, with vessels restricted to the first 130 feet of the berth starting from the northwestern-most edge.**

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- **Any cargo crane operations must ensure the crane is staged at a minimum distance of 20 feet from the wharf face and 15 feet from the northeastern-most edge.**
- **Limited to general cargo only, as the handling of dangerous cargo is prohibited under 33 CFR Part 126.**

Failure to adhere to these directives constitutes a violation of the Order and is punishable by civil penalties of up to \$117,608 per day, with willful violations categorized as a Class D felony.

Navigation Safety

- Mariners are advised to use caution when entering or departing waterways
- Report damaged navigation aids to the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam Command Center

PUBLIC SAFETY

NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS SITREP

General Updates

- All beaches on Saipan and Tinian are now open; however, CNMI DPS advises the public to remain cautious as debris may still be present in the water.
- All beaches on Rota remain closed
- All non-essential service fees are temporarily suspended during the recovery period

Traffic Safety Notice for Saipan

Due to dark intersections and non-functioning traffic signals, motorists are advised to follow these guidelines:

- Complete Stop: Come to a full stop at all intersections
- Right of Way:
 - First vehicle to arrive proceeds first
 - If arriving at the same time, yield to the vehicle on your right
- Left Turns: Yield to oncoming traffic unless you have established the right of way
- Reduce Speed: Slow down well in advance of intersections
- Stay Alert: Treat all non-functioning signals as a 4-way stop
- Use Signals: Clearly indicate your driving intentions

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Pedestrian Safety

- Exercise extra caution, especially at night
- Be aware that street lighting may be limited or unavailable

Security Operations

- Routine patrols are being conducted at FEMA generators located at water well sites.
- These patrols are aimed at preventing tampering and safeguarding critical infrastructure essential to water distribution.

Public Services

- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) remains closed until further notice.
- All driver's license and registration fees are waived during the closure period.

DPS remains actively engaged in maintaining public safety, protecting critical resources, and supporting recovery operations across the island.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

DEBRIS REMOVAL SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN SAIPAN

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in coordination with FEMA and CNMI partners, is preparing to begin residential debris removal operations in Saipan this week.

Residents should start sorting storm-related debris into categories and placing it in the public right-of-way (ROW)—the area between the roadside and your property line, within 10 feet of the road.

A neighborhood-by-neighborhood pickup schedule will be announced soon.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION (SAIPAN)

The CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), in coordination with FEMA and non-profit partners, will continue commodity distribution operations to support affected residents. Distribution will include bottled drinking water and Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs).

Schedule and Locations:

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- **May 6, 2026 | Koblerville Youth Center | 0900 – Until supplies last**
- **May 8, 2026 | Garapan Fishing Base | 0900 – Until supplies last**

Operations will be conducted in accordance with established distribution procedures. Additional sites and distribution dates will be announced as operations continue.

POTABLE WATER SUPPORT (SAIPAN)

Free potable water distribution remains available to support residents during ongoing recovery operations.

Location: Paupau Beach and Hopwood Middle School

Hours: 0700 – 1900 daily

Limit: Up to 100 gallons per vehicle

This water filling station is operated using reverse osmosis systems and is a joint effort between the Federal Emergency Management Agency, CNMI Government, and the United States Air Force.

Food Assistance (NAP) Update

DCCA's Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) has received USDA approval for emergency waivers to support households impacted by Typhoon Sinlaku.

- **63% Automatic Benefit Replacement:** All active April 2026 NAP recipients will receive a 63% replacement of benefits. No application required; funds will be credited to EBT cards within **5–10 business days**.
- **Hot Food Waiver:** NAP benefits can be used to purchase **hot, prepared foods** from authorized retailers **through May 27, 2026**, territory-wide.

Please contact the NAP Office for further questions or concerns: (670) 237-2800.

FEMA Individual Assistance (IA)

Residents impacted by Super Typhoon Sinlaku may be eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance to support disaster recovery.

How to Apply

Residents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible using one of the following methods:

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- **Online:** DisasterAssistance.gov
- **Mobile:** FEMA App
- **Phone:**
 - (671) 735-1050
 - (800) 621-3362*(Standard long-distance rates may apply)*

Application time: Approximately a few minutes

Reminder: Residents are encouraged not to delay applying for assistance.

Eligibility Requirements

FEMA assistance is available to individuals who meet the following criteria:

- U.S. citizens
- Non-citizen nationals
- Qualified aliens

Types of Assistance Available

Eligible residents may receive assistance for:

- Temporary housing needs
- Repairs to owner-occupied homes
- Personal property losses
- Medical expenses
- Funeral expenses
- Other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other sources

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Programs

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses, and nonprofits impacted by Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

Homeowners and Renters

Eligible residents may apply for loans to:

- Repair or replace primary residences (up to \$500,000)
- Replace personal property, including vehicles (up to \$100,000)

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- Access low fixed interest rates with terms up to 30 years
- Receive no payments and no interest for 12 months
- Fund mitigation improvements to reduce future disaster risk

Businesses and Nonprofits

Businesses and nonprofit organizations may apply for loans to:

- Repair or replace physical property damage
- Cover financial losses related to disaster impacts
- Access funding up to \$2 million
- Benefit from low fixed interest rates and extended repayment terms
- Support rebuilding and mitigation improvements

Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)

Small businesses and nonprofits experiencing revenue loss due to the disaster may apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to:

- Meet ordinary and necessary financial obligations
- Maintain operations during recovery
- Access loans up to \$2 million
- Receive no payments and no interest for 12 months

How to Apply for SBA Assistance

- Visit: sba.gov/disaster
- Call: (800) 659-2955
- Dial 7-1-1 for telecommunications relay services

GENERAL INFO

VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER (VOAD)

The Samaritan's Purse

Kagman Tarp & Solar Light Distribution (NEW UPDATE)

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Updated Schedule

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 3PM - 7PM
Location: Kagman 2 Basketball Court
Please bring your claim ticket

Extended Registration

For those that have missed the registration date, a team is available on Wednesday to accept walk-ins for same day pickup.

Important Guidelines

- **Walk-in only (No Drive-thru)**
- **Please avoid lining up cars on the road.**
- **Kindly find proper parking before registering.**
- **Limited to 300-500 individuals only.**
- **Available while supplies last.**

Potable Water Distribution

Free potable water distribution remains available to support residents during ongoing recovery operations.

Location: Garapan Fishing Base and Sugar Dock
Hours: 1000 – 1800 daily
No Limit

Key Contact Information

Service	Contact
Emergency	911
CUC Trouble Desk	670-664-4282 or 670-236-4333
Public Health	670-234-8950

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Red Cross (670) 234-3459

CNMI EOC Hotline (670)-237-8000 or (670)-287-7106

Stay Informed

The CNMI Joint Information Center will be verifying and releasing critical information in regards to all response and relief efforts pertaining to Super Typhoon Sinlaku. The public is informed to be aware of false information and rumors that may be spreading.

The official media channels of the CNMI Joint Information Center are the CNMI Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor Facebook and Instagram Pages.

Facebook: [@cnmigovernor](#)

Instagram: [@governorcni](#)

Website: <https://governor.cnmi.gov/sinlaku-recovery-update/>

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/cnmieocswp/>

Commonwealth Utilities Company: cucgov.org

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: chcc.health

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