Unhealthy conditions found in hazardous housing can lead to lead poisoning, asthma, respiratory illness, cancer, and unintentional injuries, resulting in missed school days and poor school performance for children, as well as missed workdays for parents. The requirement for safe and healthy housing has become even more urgent as people spend more time than ever in residential environments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To protect the health of Guam families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services.

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- **11% of Guam housing lacks complete plumbing facilities**, and 10% lacks complete kitchen facilities (2010).
- **Approximately 22% of Guamanian high school students** report being previously **told by a doctor or nurse that they had asthma** (2017).
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- **In 2016, perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)** levels that exceeded the EPA standards for drinking water were detected in 5 drinking water wells in Guam; 2 wells remain inactive as treatment systems were not able to bring levels to acceptable concentrations.
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