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AGGRESSIVE CONTACT TRACING LEADS TO IDENTIFICATION OF NEW COVID-19 CASES

HONOLULU – A spike in COVID-19 case numbers today are largely due to a cluster of 17 Honolulu cases all associated with attending a funeral. Intensive contact tracing identified the cases quickly, testing was conducted, and all are in isolation. Contact tracing also identified six cases in Leeward O‘ahu associated with known clusters, and all of the cases are in isolation.

In addition to the 23 O‘ahu cases, the Department of Health reported two new Kaua‘i cases associated with a known cluster reported last week, one case on Maui, and a case on Hawai‘i Island with travel to Georgia.

“It’s important to celebrate life and share life events, whether it’s remembering someone who has passed or gathering with others in practicing a common faith, and doing so safely will protect our loved ones and the entire community,” said State Epidemiologist Dr. Sarah Park, chief of the DOH Disease Outbreak Control Division. “Safe practices including physical distancing, wearing of masks, and frequent hand washing are critically important during these times and especially when we are with others outside of our daily household.”

“These recent cases are local examples of how this virus has no bounds. It spreads easily from place-to-place, island-to-island, state-to-state,” said Health Director Bruce Anderson. “We all need to continue to take personal responsibility and take steps to protect ourselves and our community.”

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Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 12:00 noon, June 28, 2020

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)	Total Released from Isolation*
O'ahu	23	636	502
Hawai'i	1	87	84
Maui	1	121	111
Kaua'i	2	37	20
<i>Moloka'i</i>	0	2	2
<i>Lana'i</i>	0	0	0
Residents Diagnosed outside HI	0	16	
Unknown Residency	0	0	
Total	27	899	
Total released from isolation			719
Deaths	0	18	

* Includes cases that meet isolation release criteria.