



## **HAWAI'I COVID-19 JOINT INFORMATION CENTER**

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **HEALTH INVESTIGATORS SEARCH FOR BAR PATRONS FOR CONTACT TRACING**

HONOLULU – Public health authorities from the Dept. of Health (DOH) are advising anyone who may have patronized two Honolulu bars to step forward and contact their physicians for follow-up.

The two bars involved are Brix & Bones located at 1217 Hopaka St. and Arena 808 located at 1020 Ke'eaumoku St., and the time-period of visits is between July 16-26. So far five (5) cases of COVID-19 are associated with exposure to the virus at these establishments. In addition, as many as seven (7) positive cases are potentially associated with these clusters.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Sarah Park said, "Given the conditions associated with this cluster, we're concerned there may be more persons exposed than are or can be identified through our investigations. In the interest of public health we're asking anyone who was in either of these bars during the 10-day period to consult their healthcare provider to consider being tested for COVID-19." Park added that concerning findings discerned by investigators include inconsistent wearing of masks, physical distancing, and other operations, not consistent with current county rules.

DOH is again reminding people to avoid being in large groups, especially without masks and physical distancing. The department continues to investigate a cluster associated with related funeral events, in which at least 36 cases have been confirmed.

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported, dropped today, after four days of high case counts, including three consecutive record days. This is likely due to a decrease in laboratory reporting because private laboratories did not conduct late work shifts and the DOH State Laboratories Division was closed on Sunday because of the hurricane threat. All 28 new cases depicted on the graph below were diagnosed on O'ahu.

**Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 12:00 noon, July 27, 2020**

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)	Total in hospitals
O'ahu	28	1373	36
Hawai'i	0	117	3
Maui	0	151	
Kaua'i	0	45	
<i>Moloka'i</i>	0	2	
<i>Lana'i</i>	0	0	
Residents Diagnosed outside HI	0	23	
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1711</b>	
<b>Total hospitalized</b>			<b>39</b>
Deaths	0	<b>26</b>	

**Laboratory\* Testing Data**

Total Number of Individuals Tested by Clinical and State Laboratories	Positive	Negative
116,387**	1,709	114,664

\*Electronic Laboratory Reporting \*\*14 test results were inconclusive

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