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**HAWAI'I COVID-19 JOINT INFORMATION CENTER**  
**DAILY NEWS DIGEST**  
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**Department of Health:**

**271 New Cases and Two Additional COVID-19 Deaths**

Two O'ahu residents, a man in the 60 to 69-year-old age group and a woman, older than 80, are the latest victims to pass away from COVID-19. Both had underlying health conditions and had been hospitalized.

**Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 12:00 noon, Sept. 4, 2020**

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)
O'ahu	236	8,575
Hawai'i	34	469
Maui	1	343
Kaua'i	0	57
Moloka'i	0	4
Lāna'i	0	0
HI residents diagnosed outside of HI	0	25
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>9,473</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>81</b>

*Hospitalization count as of 9/3/20 at 4:14 pm: 11-Hawai'i, 29-Maui, 236-O'ahu, 0-Kaua'i*

**Laboratory\* Testing Data**

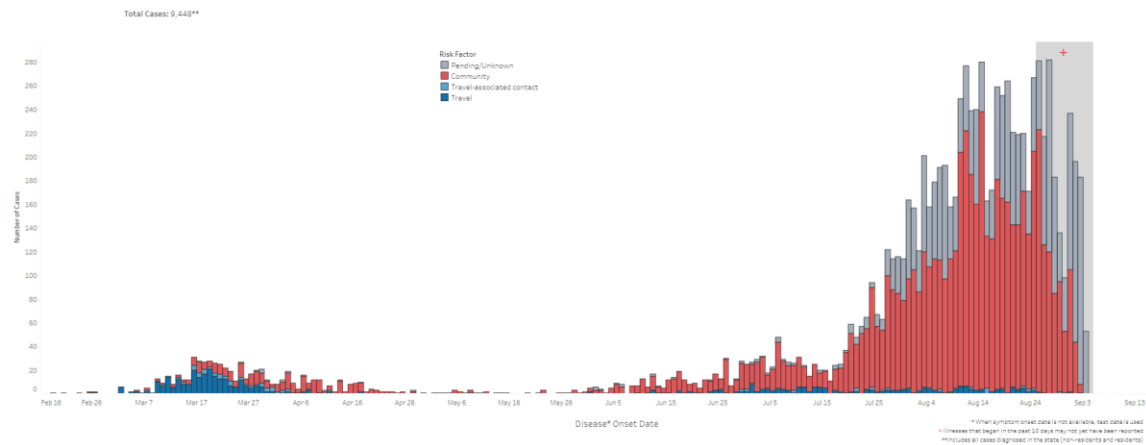
There were 7,669 additional COVID-19 tests reported via electronic laboratory reporting.

Total Number of Individuals Tested by Clinical and State Laboratories	Positive	Negative
221,391**	9,473	211,890
Total Number of Surge Tests++		
16,384	104	16,280

*\*Electronic Laboratory Reporting \*\*28 test results were inconclusive*

*++ Tests results from unique individuals. Total numbers may be higher due to repeat tests on single individuals.*

[HawaiiCOVID19.com](http://HawaiiCOVID19.com)



For more tables, charts and visualizations visit the DOH Disease Outbreak Control Division: <https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/what-you-should-know/current-situation-in-hawaii>

**Hawai'i State Judiciary:**

**Keahuolu Courthouse Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19**

A Keahuolu Courthouse employee has tested positive for COVID-19, the Hawai'i State Judiciary announced Friday. The individual was last at work on Monday. After getting tested on Tuesday, the person was first told the test was negative, but later got a corrected -- positive -- test result on Thursday. After conferring with DOH, coworkers with close, prolonged contact with the affected individual were notified and advised to seek guidance from their medical providers. They will return to work when medically appropriate to do so.

The Third Circuit Kona District Court courtroom will be closed on Friday for thorough cleaning and disinfecting. Traffic and criminal cases will be continued. This is the second positive case for a Judiciary employee on Hawai'i Island.

[https://www.courts.state.hi.us/news\\_and\\_reports/2020/09/keahuolu-courthouse-employee-tests-positive-for-covid-19](https://www.courts.state.hi.us/news_and_reports/2020/09/keahuolu-courthouse-employee-tests-positive-for-covid-19)

**Department of Land and Natural Resources:**

**Access to Narnia Restricted Always**

Last weekend an estimated 100 people gathered at the J7 ranch to get in streams and waterfalls above the ranch. The waterways above the J7 (Wailuku River, Hookelekele Stream, Lauiole Falls, Pukamaui Falls and Kauwehu Falls) are collectively known as "Narnia", and are part of the Hilo Restricted Watershed Section of the Hilo Forest Reserve.

Access is restricted and requires a permit for entry (HAR 13-105-4). The DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife (DOFAW) is not issuing any permits for access to that area at this time. Hunters are allowed to access Hilo Restricted Watershed with a valid hunting license for the purpose of hunting on weekends and holidays only. A major access point is through the J7 ranch, (currently unencumbered land TMK: (3) 2-5-009:004) and this area is now also closed to the public.

All other uses are prohibited at this time and the DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) and Hawai'i County Police will be enforcing all State laws and rules.

### **Additional Hawai'i Island Area Closes After Today to Discourage Large Gatherings**

The Puna Trail in the Puna District on Hawai'i Island will be closed at midnight today. The 2.5-mile-long trail leads to Ha'ena Beach, known locally as Shipman's and has seen large group gatherings dating back to original COVID-19 related orders and closures back in April.

This closure, like yesterday's announcement that all State Parks on Hawai'i Island are also closing after today, is consistent with Hawai'i County's closure of all county beach parks. All State and County closures are in effect at least through Sept. 18, 2020.

Surveys conducted in April by staff from the State's Na Ala Hele Trails and Access Program, showed an eight-fold increase of usage of the Puna Trail, compared to data from 2019. At that time an average of 16 people a day used the trail, while the COVID-19 survey period showed an average of 140 users each day.

The DLNR Division of State Parks supports all county and state rules in an effort to reduce the chances of coronavirus infection on Hawai'i Island, which recently, like O'ahu, has experienced a surge in cases. Closed signs were put up at the trailhead this afternoon and the W.H. Shipman Estate which co-manages the trailhead parking lot with the State supports closures, as enforcement is difficult at the remote Ha'ena beach. County and State law enforcement officers will be patrolling all closed areas this weekend to ensure compliance with all emergency rules.



### **Hawai'i COVID-19 Joint Information Center: Labor Day Weekend Safety**

As we head into Labor Day weekend, it's important for all of us to continue protecting ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19. We can do this by following "The 3 W's;" Wash your hands, wear a mask, and watch your distance. These simple actions will make a big difference in keeping you and your loved ones safe and healthy as we continue to try to curb the spread of COVID-19. Let's remember that this weekend is no different than any other. It's going to take all of us working together to defeat COVID-19. Over the next few days, states nationwide are also encouraged to use [#COVIDStopsWithMe](#) on social media platforms to spread the word about responsible actions we can all take to stop the spread of COVID-19.

## Helpful Resources

- **Kaua'i County**  
Kaua'i COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19>  
To report violators: <https://www.kauai.gov/KPD-Online-Reporting>
  - **Maui County**  
Maui County mandatory travel declaration form and request for limited quarantine form: <https://www.mauicounty.gov>  
To report violators: (808) 244-6400 or [mpdquarantine@mpd.net](mailto:mpdquarantine@mpd.net)
  - **Hawai'i County**  
Hawai'i County COVID-19 webpage: <https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaiiicountygis.hub.arcgis.com/>  
Critical infrastructure and medical travel request: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/e2f4ce19aa854964a8fd60bec7fbe78c>  
To report violators: 808-935-3311
  - **City & County of Honolulu**  
Interisland passengers arriving on O'ahu are not subject to the mandatory quarantine.  
To report violators: 808-723-3900 or [HPDcovidenforce@honolulu.gov](mailto:HPDcovidenforce@honolulu.gov)
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