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HAWAI'I COVID-19 JOINT INFORMATION CENTER
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Department of Health:

One (1) COVID-19 Death Reported

One additional COVID-19 death was reported today by DOH. It involved a woman from O'ahu over the age of 80, who had an underlying condition and was hospitalized at the time of her death. DOH also reported 89 new COVID-19 cases today.

Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 12:00 noon, Oct. 16, 2020

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)
O'ahu	68	12,317
Hawai'i	21	1,026
Maui	0	392
Kaua'i	0	59
Moloka'i	0	19
Lāna'i	0	0
HI residents diagnosed outside of HI	0	40
Total Cases	89	13,853++
Deaths	1	185

Hospitalization count as of 10/16/20 at 12:51 pm: 10-Hawai'i, 2-Maui, 84-O'ahu, 0-Kaua'i

++As a result of updated information, one case was recategorized from O'ahu to Hawai'i.

7-Day Averages

	Daily New Cases (change from previous day)	% Lab Positive (change from previous day)
Statewide	88 (-2)	2.7% (+0.0)
O'ahu	67 (-1)	3.3% (-0.1)
Hawai'i	20 (+0)	3.1% (+0.1)
Kaua'i	0 (+0)	0.0% (+0.0)
Maui	2 (+0)	0.1% (+0.0)

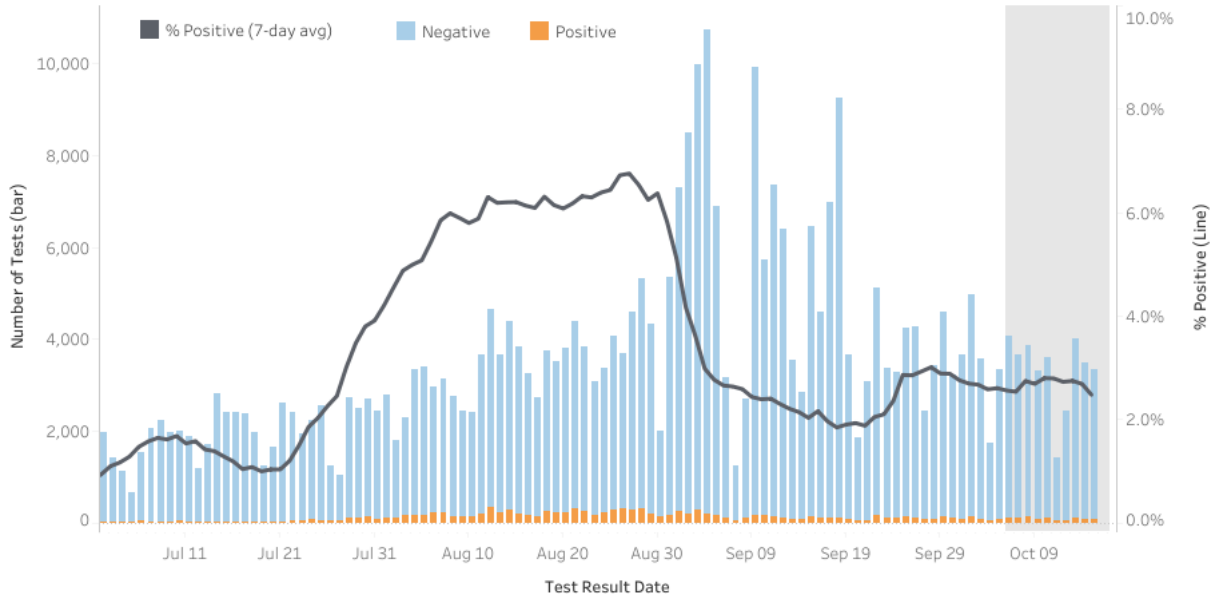
**Metrics reflect information updated as of noon the previous day. Case counts are calculated based on date of report. Percent positivity is calculated based on date of lab result.*

COVID-19 Testing*, Hawaii 2020

Updated October 16, 2020



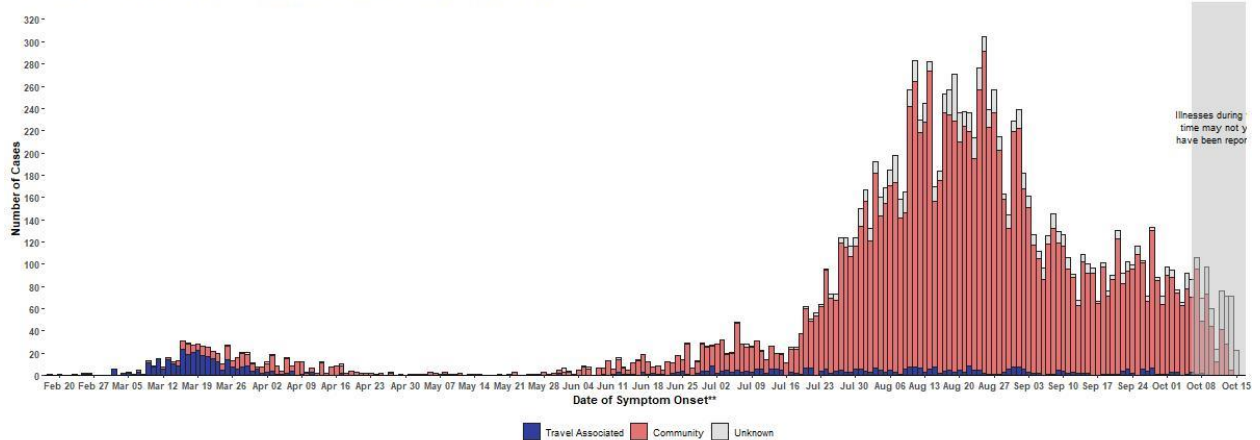
<p>469,684</p> <p>Total Number of Tests Performed:</p>	<p>2.5%</p> <p>Percent Positive (past 7 days)</p>
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* Illnesses that began during this time may not yet have been reported

COVID-19 Cases* by Exposure-Hawaii, 2020 (N=13775)

Data as of October 15, 2020. All cases to date may not be included because of missing or pending data.



*HI residents diagnosed outside of HI are not included.
 **If onset date was not available, specimen collection date was used.

DOH Posts New Metrics Showing Average New Case Trends and Test Positivity Rates

DOH is now posting state and county test positivity rates and seven-day average daily new cases with graphs showing trends over the past 14 days

at: <https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/what-you-should-know/current-situation-in-hawaii/>.

This newly available data is consistent with national best practices and provides a summary of the level of disease activity and trends in our state and counties.

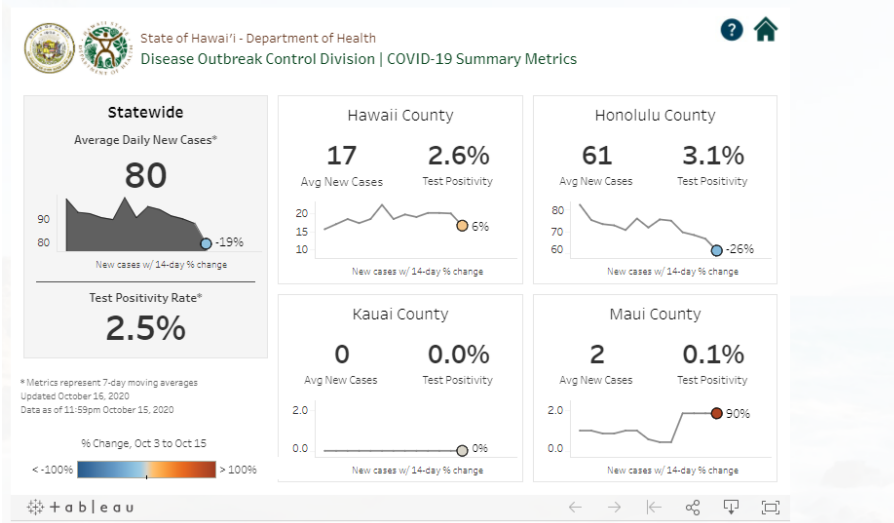
The new data will be updated daily by noon for positive test results received from the previous day. At this stage of the pandemic, the rolling 7-day average and the test positivity rate are critical for informing our actions and are referred to in plans for reopening and reviving the economy.

The test positivity rate for the state and each county is calculated by dividing the total of new positive tests over the past seven days with the total number of tests conducted over the past seven days. A positivity rate under 5% is favorable.

There have been 13,853 cases of COVID-19 identified in Hawaii. Of those cases, 7% have required hospitalization, and 13,141 (95%) were residents.

Hawaii COVID-19 Summary Metrics

[Learn more](#) about these metrics, why they are important and how they are calculated.



Department of Public Safety:

Three More Saguaro Inmates Test Positive, OCCC Sees Fifth Day in a Row with No New Positive Cases

PSD has been notified that three (3) more Hawai'i inmates at the Saguaro Correctional Center (Saguaro) in Eloy, Arizona tested positive for COVID-19. The total number of inmates in medical isolation at Saguaro with confirmed positive COVID cases is 10. Sixteen (16) inmates with pending test results are also in medical isolation and 737 inmates are in a precautionary 14-day quarantine. Saguaro nursing staff are doing daily temperature checks and monitoring the inmates for symptoms.

PSD's Health Care Division is working with DOH, the Hawai'i National Guard (HING), and community partners, to conduct mass testing for COVID-19 at all correctional facilities statewide. DOH testing of O'ahu Community Correctional Center inmates is continuous. The three (3) inmate test results received, and two (2) staff results received were negative. 97% of inmates and 84% of staff who tested positive for COVID-19 have recovered. Information on PSD's planning and response to COVID-19 can be found at:

<http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.

Department of Human Services:

Med-QUEST Provides Options and Updates for Unemployed Residents Needing Health Insurance Coverage

With the state's high unemployment rate, the Med-QUEST Division of DHS anticipates the number of those who need health insurance coverage will increase. DHS is encouraging those people to apply for Medicaid immediately. To see if you qualify, go to:

<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/blog/med-quest-provides-options-and-updates-for-unemployed-hawaii-residents-in-need-of-health-insurance-coverage/>

DHS' Med-QUEST Division's Administrator Judy Mohr said, "Over the years, we've invested in technology and made extensive process improvements to create a smoother, streamlined enrollment experience for applicants and to process a higher volume of applications. Those changes have proven to be valuable during these challenging times. We are encouraging those who have lost their job and do not currently have health insurance to apply and enroll as soon as possible."

There are nearly 380,000 Hawai'i residents, about one in four statewide, who are Medicaid beneficiaries. About 50,000 of those are new Medicaid beneficiaries who have enrolled since the early stages of the pandemic in March. There's been a 15% increase in enrollment largely due to COVID-19 – during this same time in 2019, there were 329,260 Medicaid beneficiaries statewide.

University of Hawai'i:

JABSOM Lab Begins Processing, Administering COVID-19 Tests

The John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) is beginning COVID-19 testing at its new Tropical Medicine Lab. The program prioritizes COVID-19 test access for underserved, uninsured, and front-line workers who may require multiple tests for safety at their workplace. The tests will begin conducting COVID-19 tests by appointment only from its Kaka'ako clinic beginning Monday, Oct. 19, 2020.

City and County of Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell said, "This partnership with JABSOM will provide testing to those who might otherwise not have access to it. This virus doesn't discriminate, and as we continue to open up our economy, we need to keep testing to know where in our community the virus is hiding." UH President David Lassner added, "We are deeply grateful to Mayor Caldwell and his time for supporting the startup of our new testing lab. This not only enables us to help ensure adequate testing across O'ahu, but we will be able to explore innovations in testing for COVID-19 that can remove barriers to pervasive testing for all." The new lab is being supported with up to \$3.9 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funds from the City and County of Honolulu. To view more:

<https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2020/10/16/uh-opens-covid19-test-lab/>

Hawai'i Tourism Authority:

8,219 Passengers Arrive on Thursday After Safe Travels Hawai'i Launches

Yesterday, a total of 8,219 people arrived in Hawai'i from out of state after the Safe Travels Hawai'i program launched. The program gives travelers an option of taking a COVID-19 test, and if given a negative result, allows them to bypass the state's mandatory 14-day quarantine. The bulk of the passengers, or 3,189 people, indicated they came to Hawai'i for vacation. There were also 1,287 people who indicated they were returning residents. The trans-Pacific passenger arrival data is derived from data provided by Safe Travels.

Reason for Trip by Arrival Airport – Transpacific Screened Passengers

Oct 15	Honolulu (HNL)	Kahului (OGG)	Kona (KOA)	Līhu'e (LIH)	Grand Total
Airline Crew	336	78	48	40	502
Corporate Meeting	1	1	0	0	2
Essential Worker	110	22	13	4	149
Honeymoon	27	15	3	2	47
Incentive Trip	0	0	0	1	1
Intended Resident	158	52	58	28	296
Military or Federal Government	185	1	1	10	197
Other	85	21	18	13	137
Other Business	235	72	80	31	418
Pleasure/Vacation	1,475	949	358	407	3,189
Returning Resident	821	225	182	59	1,287
Sports Event	2	2	0	0	4
To Attend School	6	0	6	1	13
To Get Married	2	18	3	4	27
Transit	339	3	0	2	344
Visiting Friends or Relatives	1,121	216	174	95	1,606
Grand Total	4,903	1,675	944	697	8,219

To view more:

<https://www.hawaiitourismauthority.org/covid-19-updates/trans-pacific-passenger-arrivals/>

Helpful Resources



SAFE TRAVELS HAWAI'I QUICK FACTS

Beginning October 15, 2020

Domestic Trans-Pacific Travel



14-Day Quarantine

To Bypass Quarantine:

- Show proof of negative test result upon arrival or remain in quarantine until received
- Must take a nucleic acid amplification (NAAT) pre-travel test within 72 hours from the final leg of departure. The State of Hawai'i will accept test results ONLY from TRUSTED TESTING AND TRAVEL PARTNERS.
- Applies to all passengers ages 5 and over; travelers pay for test
- Must complete Safe Travels Hawai'i online form prior to arrival
- Or other exemption provided by the state
- Travelers arriving in Hawai'i with pending test results will remain in quarantine until negative test results uploaded to the Safe Travels Hawai'i account and the State Department of Health issues confirmation that traveler is removed from quarantine

Second Test After Arrival

City and County of Honolulu Not required	County of Hawai'i Required at airport; free	Mau'i County Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free	Kaua'i County Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free
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Traveling Inter-Counties (between counties)



14-Day Quarantine

To Bypass Quarantine:

- Traveling into City and County of Honolulu
No test and no quarantine required
- Traveling into County of Hawai'i
Not participating; must quarantine
- Traveling into Maui County
Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic Trans-Pacific
- Traveling into Kaua'i County
Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic Trans-Pacific
- Or other exemption provided by the state or county

International Trans-Pacific Travel



14-Day Quarantine

Currently, no pre-travel test exemption



For more information, visit
HawaiiCOVID19.com
1-800-GOHAWAII

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Trusted Testing and Travel Partners



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Safe Travels Hawai'i Program

Program overview: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/travel/>

FAQs: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/travel/faqs/>

Call Center Number: 1-800-GO-HAWAII

COVID-19 Tables, Charts, and Visualizations

<https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/what-you-should-know/current-situation-in-hawaii>

Trans-Pacific Passenger Arrivals Statistics

<https://www.hawaiiauthority.org/covid-19-updates/trans-pacific-passenger-arrivals/>

Kaua'i County

Kaua'i COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19>

To report violators: <https://www.kauai.gov/KPD-Online-Reporting>

Rest, Test, Enjoy! Voluntary post-arrival test: <https://www.kauai.gov/visitorposttest>

Maui County

Maui County travel and COVID-19 information:

<https://www.mauicounty.gov>

To report violators: (808) 244-6400 or mpdquarantine@mpd.net

Hawai'i County

Hawai'i County COVID-19 webpage:

<https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaii-county-gis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/travel>

Critical infrastructure and medical travel

request: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/e2f4ce19aa854964a8fd60bec7fbe78c>

To report violators: 808-935-3311

City & County of Honolulu

Honolulu COVID-19 webpage: oneoahu.org

Interisland passengers arriving on O'ahu are not subject to the mandatory quarantine.

To report violators: 808-723-3900 or HPDcovidenforce@honolulu.gov

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