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Hawai'i Department of Health shares new weekly data on COVID-19 clusters under investigation *Data window shift on Sunday will adjust daily reporting schedule*

HONOLULU - The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) is releasing weekly COVID-19 cluster reports to illustrate COVID-19 trends across the state. The DOH will also adjust its practices for collecting and reporting daily COVID-19 data.

The Weekly COVID-19 Cluster Report highlights recent incidents in which the virus occurred at one time, in the same geographic location, or among people with the same or similar shared exposures. For example, this week's report includes information on clusters related to college students attending parties, a cluster connected to a group of co-workers who ate lunch together, and a cluster at an O'ahu school.

Public health officials study disease clusters to identify risk factors, design intervention strategies, and prevent further infection.

A new Cluster Report will be posted every Thursday on the DOH web site at <https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/>. The Cluster Report documents COVID-19 cluster investigations during the past 14 days. A comprehensive cluster report will be published after the end of the calendar year once all 2020 cluster investigations have concluded.

In addition, DOH will shift its data window this weekend. This adjustment will change the time regular updates are available on the COVID-19 dashboard at <https://hawaiicovid19.com>. Daily updates on the dashboard will appear at 12 p.m. rather than the current 3 p.m. time.

This change will also mean no new data, including the number of new COVID-19 cases, will be available on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020. The data that would be reported Sunday at 3 p.m. under the current schedule will now be reported Monday at 12 p.m.

This additional time provides DOH and its partners a more sustainable data timeline and allows for greater accuracy in reporting COVID-19 statistics. It also makes Hawai'i's data timeline more consistent with the timeline of other states, counties, and municipalities across the country.

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