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**HAWAI'I COVID-19 JOINT INFORMATION CENTER
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Governor's Office:

Safe and Effective COVID-19 Vaccine Arrives in Hawai'i

Gov. Ige announced, late yesterday, the arrival of Hawai'i's first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines. This initial delivery of 975 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to the Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu, marks an important milestone in the ongoing effort to combat coronavirus and return life to normal. Delivery of the remaining 3,900 doses of Hawai'i's prepositioning order is expected tomorrow.

Almost 45,000 additional doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine are expected to arrive in Hawai'i this month. Pending approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as many as 36,000 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are expected by the end of the year.

Health care workers at high risk of exposure to COVID-19 and residents of long-term care facilities will be the first to receive the vaccine.

"It is gratifying to be able to offer the vaccine to health care workers who have sacrificed so much to protect all of us," said Gov. Ige. "The vaccine provides another important layer of protection to safeguard our kūpuna and others in long-term care facilities."

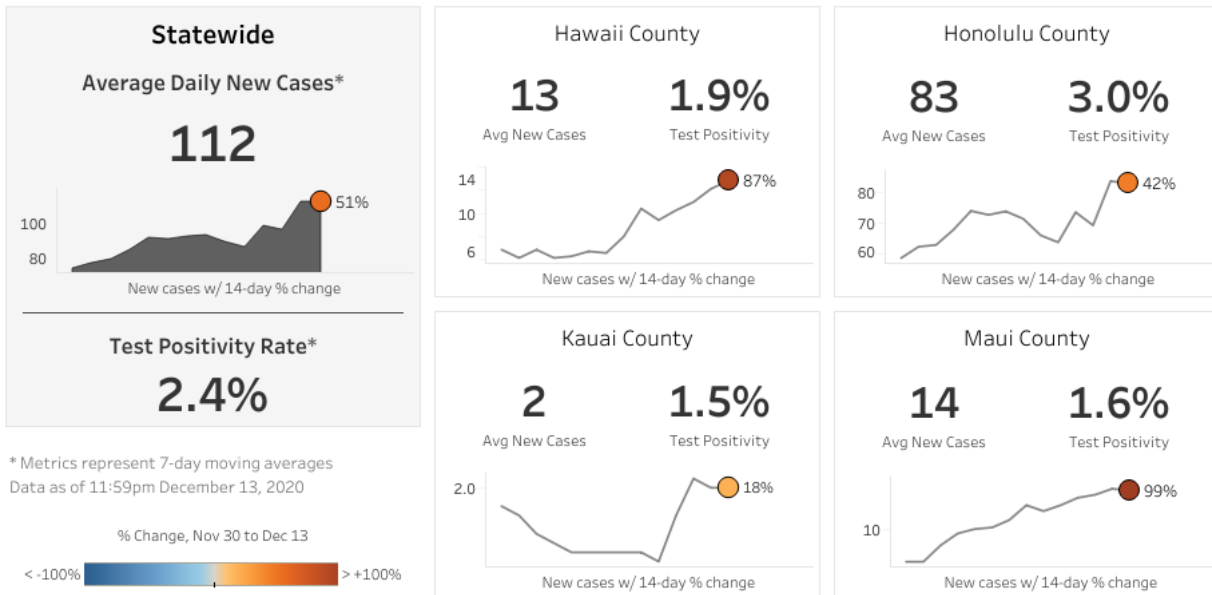
"The vaccine is a major tool in combating COVID-19 and it is critical we continue to use all the tools at our disposal," said Health Director Dr. Libby Char. "We still do not know whether a person who has been vaccinated can carry the virus and infect others. We do not know how long the vaccine will confer immunity. Until these questions are answered, we must continue to protect ourselves and the people we love by wearing face masks and physical distancing," Char added. See the full release here: <https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/governors-office-news-release-safe-and-effective-covid-19-vaccine-arriving-in-hawaii/>



Department of Health:



State of Hawai'i - Department of Health - Updated Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Disease Outbreak Control Division | COVID-19 Summary Metrics



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

57 New COVID-19 Cases Reported Statewide

DOH is reporting 57 additional coronavirus cases today. This report includes cases up until Sunday at 11:59 p.m. Full data is posted on the State COVID-19 dashboard and on the DOH Disease Outbreak & Control website at noon each day. [HawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard](https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard)

Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Dec. 13, 2020

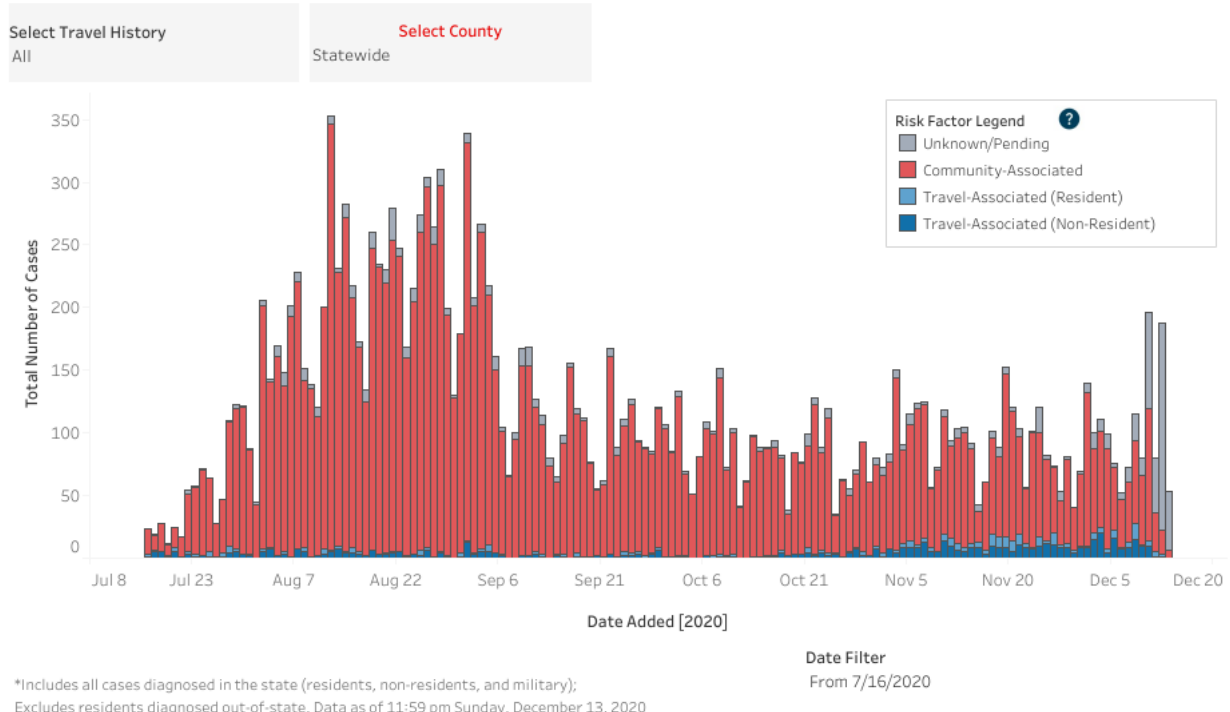
Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)
O'ahu	35	16,458
Hawai'i	10	1,743
Maui	8	714
Kaua'i	0	134
Moloka'i	0	22
Lāna'i	0	106
HI residents diagnosed outside of HI	4	303
Total Cases	57	19,480++
Deaths	0	274

++ As a result of updated information, one case on Maui was removed from the counts.
Hospitalizations as of 12:00 p.m. on Dec. 14, 2020 – Hawai'i-3, Maui-4, O'ahu-50, Kaua'i-0



COVID-19 Cases By Residence Status and Travel History, Hawaii 2020

Updated Tuesday, December 15, 2020



HawaiiCOVID19.com

DOH and C&C of Honolulu Conduct Vaccine Distribution Exercise

On Monday, DOH and the City and County of Honolulu conducted a vaccination distribution exercise to simulate standing up vaccine clinics to immunize first responders and essential workers in the Phase 1 priority group. This includes essential healthcare workers, long-term care facility residents and staff, and first responders. This exercise is the first of a number of drills planned statewide in every county to prepare to safely and efficiently administer the vaccine.

“The state has been conducting medical countermeasure distribution exercises and vaccination clinics for years, and our training and planning with public and private stakeholders is making a huge difference,” said Judy Kern, chief of the DOH Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness. “We greatly appreciate the City and County of Honolulu, and the counties of Hawai’i, Maui and Kaua’i for their strong commitment to ensuring our first responders and other essential workers have access to the vaccine in a convenient and organized manner.”

“While hospitals and healthcare facilities are focused on vaccinating their workers and may act as community hubs for various phases of the state vaccination plan, the City is working with DOH to ensure we are taking care of our first responders,” said Hiro Toiya, director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management. “We are doing all we can to ensure the COVID-19 vaccine is available to those at highest risk as we prepare for the first phase of the vaccination plan for Oahu.”


While there is no plan to mandate the vaccine, the DOH is strongly encouraging that people, particularly essential healthcare workers, get vaccinated once doses are available. Read more here: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/hawaii-department-of-health-and-city-county-of-honolulu-conduct-training-exercise-for-vaccine-distribution/>



DOH and UH Release Infographic on Impacts on Behavioral Health

The Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup has released this information on the worsening impact of COVID-19 on behavioral health across the state.



<p>The Pandemic has impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Use • Mental Health • Behavioral Health <p>With worsening trends of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depression • Anxiety • Loneliness <p>All of which are known to increase substance use</p> 	<p>Hawai'i CARES 24/7 Hotline experienced the highest call volume in 7 years in June and July of 2020</p> <p>Free public resource for any caller seeking crisis support and access to treatment and recovery for substance use and mental health conditions</p> 
<p>1 in 3 Hawai'i high school students reported using e-cigarettes in 2019</p> <p>Young people that vape are 5-7 times more likely to be infected with COVID-19</p> <p>Community members worry that Hawai'i youth are being targeted with flavor options such as "Hawaiian POG" and "Hawaii Sweet Roll"</p> 	<p>Despite a drop in tourism, Honolulu saw increasing liquor sales in May - July</p> <p>Due to stay at home orders, the governor allows the sale of unopened alcoholic beverages for home delivery</p> <p>Community members worry the policy may increase access to youth</p> 
<p>Social distancing & distance learning may decrease reporting of child abuse</p> <p>Teachers and school workers are more reliable reporters of abuse</p> <p>Social workers are unable to conduct face-to-face check-ins of foster youth</p> 	<p>37% Adults in Hawai'i with symptoms of anxiety disorder</p> <p>30% Adults in Hawai'i with symptoms of depressive disorder</p> <p>Compared to 8.2% and 6.6% respectively, in January-June 2019</p>

For full citations, see "Rapid Review of Literature on Behavioral Health During Pandemic" email phac@hawaii.edu for more information. Produced by the State Epidemiologic Outcomes Workgroup in the Pacific Health Analytics Collaborative, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Center on Aging, University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Version 1.0. Updated 12/10/2020.

Department of Public Safety:
Inmate and Staff Testing Continues

Surge testing of inmates and staff at facilities statewide is continuous. Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) reports five (5) additional active positive staff cases and one (1) positive inmate case. The positive staff count is 33 and the inmate total is 168. (As a result of updated information, two (2) inmates were removed from the active count.) Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) reports 18 negative test results. In addition, there were 16 inmate recoveries bringing the total active inmate cases down to 20 with two (2) inmates hospitalized. The O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) reported 5 negative inmate test results. There are only three (3) active positive inmates at OCCC. For more information on PSD's planning and response efforts to COVID-19:

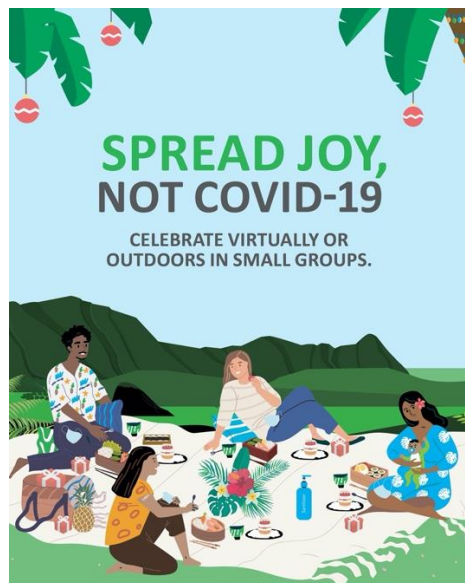
<http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.

Healthcare Association of Hawai'i:
COVID-19 Holiday Messaging

As we enter the holiday season during these unprecedented times, we want everyone to celebrate in a safe way. Prevention is very important in order to stop the spread of COVID-19.

See the messages from HAH, in the link below. Please encourage everyone to keep their gatherings small over the holidays, and to practice COVID safety measures such as masking up, social distancing, and not sharing utensils. Messages available in 16 languages at:

hah.org/covid19



Department of Land and Natural Resources:
Diamond Head State Monument Slated to Reopen on Thursday

Diamond Head State Monument's (DHSM) unprecedented closure, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, comes to an end on Thursday, Dec. 17, exactly nine months since the gates were closed. The reopening comes with a new set of rules to best ensure health and safety protocols.

The trickiest place on the trail in which to practice coronavirus safety precautions is the narrow, 200-foot-long tunnel near the top of the trail. Visitors must wear masks in the tunnel and attempt

to stay six feet apart from other hikers. State Parks has installed new signs to remind visitors of all public health safety requirements. Staff is also asking visitors to be considerate all along the trail and at the summit and to not linger long for photos. See the full news release and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) here: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/12/15/nr20-195/>



Hawai'i Tourism Authority:
7,663 Passengers Arrive on Sunday

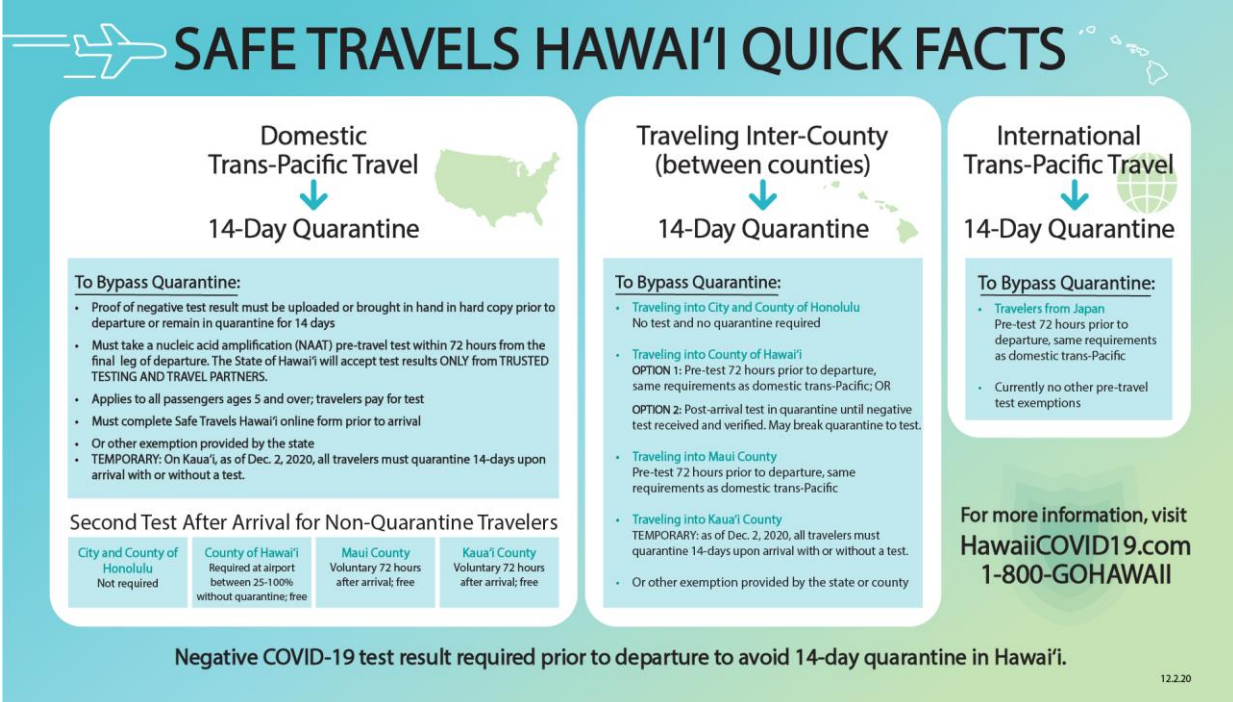
Yesterday, a total of 7,663 people arrived in Hawai'i from out of state. A total of 2,902 people indicated they came to Hawai'i for vacation. There were also 1,544 returning residents. The trans-Pacific passenger arrival data is derived from data provided by the Safe Travels digital system.

Reason for Trip by Arrival Airport – Transpacific Screened Passengers

Dec 14	Honolulu (HNL)	Kahului (OGG)	Kona (KOA)	Līhu'e (LIH)	Grand Total
Airline Crew	363	137	67	11	578
Connecting Flight (Transit)	363	24	5	1	393
Corporate Meeting	5	1	0	0	6
Essential Worker	128	22	19	4	173
Honeymoon	15	17	1	0	33
Incentive Trip	2	0	0	0	2
Intended Resident	103	27	21	1	152
Military or Federal Government	59	0	0	1	60
Other	41	16	9	0	66
Other Business	62	35	14	1	112
Pleasure/Vacation	1,172	1,203	526	1	2,902
Returning Resident	1,187	180	163	24	1,554
Sports Event	3	0	0	0	3
To Attend School	19	3	0	0	22
To Get Married	3	3	0	0	6
Visiting Friends or Relatives	1,162	228	192	19	1,601
Grand Total	4,687	1,896	1,017	63	7,663

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

Helpful Resources



The infographic is titled "SAFE TRAVELS HAWAII QUICK FACTS" and features an airplane icon on the left and a map of Hawaii on the right. It is divided into three main columns: Domestic Trans-Pacific Travel, Traveling Inter-County (between counties), and International Trans-Pacific Travel. Each column lists a 14-Day Quarantine requirement and provides details on how to bypass it. The Domestic Trans-Pacific Travel section includes a table for "Second Test After Arrival for Non-Quarantine Travelers" with four categories: City and County of Honolulu (Not required), County of Hawaii (Required at airport between 25-100% without quarantine; free), Maui County (Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free), and Kauai County (Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free). The International Trans-Pacific Travel section includes a note about travelers from Japan. At the bottom, it states "Negative COVID-19 test result required prior to departure to avoid 14-day quarantine in Hawaii." and provides contact information for HawaiiCOVID19.com and 1-800-GOHAWAII.

SAFE TRAVELS HAWAII QUICK FACTS

Domestic Trans-Pacific Travel
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14-Day Quarantine

To Bypass Quarantine:

- Proof of negative test result must be uploaded or brought in hand in hard copy prior to departure or remain in quarantine for 14 days
- 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
- TEMPORARY: On Kaua'i, as of Dec. 2, 2020, all travelers must quarantine 14-days upon arrival with or without a test.

Second Test After Arrival for Non-Quarantine Travelers

City and County of Honolulu Not required	County of Hawai'i Required at airport between 25-100% without quarantine; free	Maui County Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free	Kaua'i County Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free
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Traveling Inter-County (between counties)
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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**
OPTION 1: Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic trans-Pacific; OR
OPTION 2: Post-arrival test in quarantine until negative test received and verified. May break quarantine to test.
- **Traveling into Maui County**
Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic trans-Pacific
- **Traveling into Kaua'i County**
TEMPORARY: as of Dec. 2, 2020, all travelers must quarantine 14-days upon arrival with or without a test.
- Or other exemption provided by the state or county

International Trans-Pacific Travel
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14-Day Quarantine

To Bypass Quarantine:

- Travelers from Japan
Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic trans-Pacific
- Currently no other pre-travel test exemptions

For more information, visit [HawaiiCOVID19.com](https://hawaiiCOVID19.com)
1-800-GOHAWAII

Negative COVID-19 test result required prior to departure to avoid 14-day quarantine in Hawai'i.

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Trusted Testing and Travel Partners:

The state of Hawai'i only accepts Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) from a certified Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) lab test results from Trusted Testing and Travel Partners. For the full list of domestic trans-Pacific, inter-county, international and airline partners or information on how to become a Trusted Testing Partner, go to:

<https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/travel-partners/>

Safe Travels Hawai'i Program:

Program overview: <https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/travel/>

FAQs: <https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/travel/faqs/>

Email: info@gohawaii.com

Call Center Number: 1-800-GO-HAWAII

COVID-19 Expanded Dashboard (Tables, Charts, and Visualizations):

<https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/data-dashboard/>

Safe Travels Digital Platform:

<https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/travel/data/>

Trans-Pacific Passenger Arrivals Statistics:

<https://www.hawaiitourismauthority.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 visitor post-travel test: <https://www.kauai.gov/visitorposttest>

Resident post-travel test: <https://www.kauai.gov/residentposttest>

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-hawaiiicountygis.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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