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**HAWAI'I COVID-19 JOINT INFORMATION CENTER
DAILY NEWS DIGEST
Dec. 17, 2020**

Governor's Office:

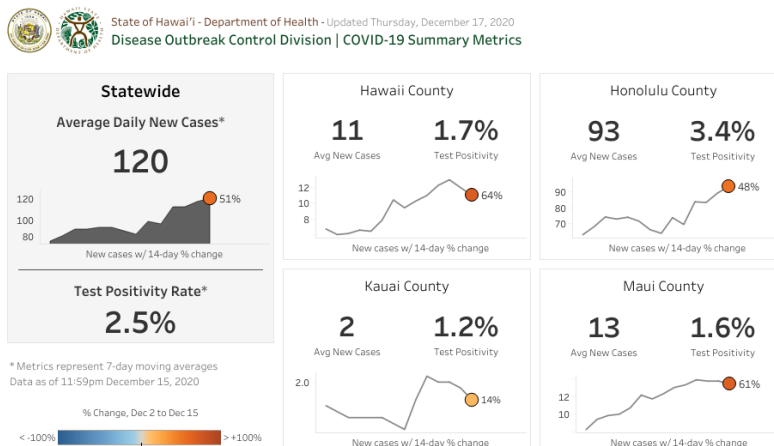
17th Emergency Proclamation Reduces Quarantine Period

Gov. David Ige has signed a 17th COVID-19 emergency proclamation reducing the state's mandatory self-quarantine period for travelers entering the state and traveling between counties from 14 to 10 days. The new policy took effect today. The change is based on this month's updated recommendations issued by the CDC and the DOH.

"A 10-day self-quarantine period allows us to control the spread of COVID-19 in the community while balancing the need to address the mental and emotional health issues caused by isolation, to improve compliance, and to lessen the economic hardship for those unable to return to work. We will continue to assess the situation and make decisions based on evidence and the advice of our health experts," said Gov. Ige.

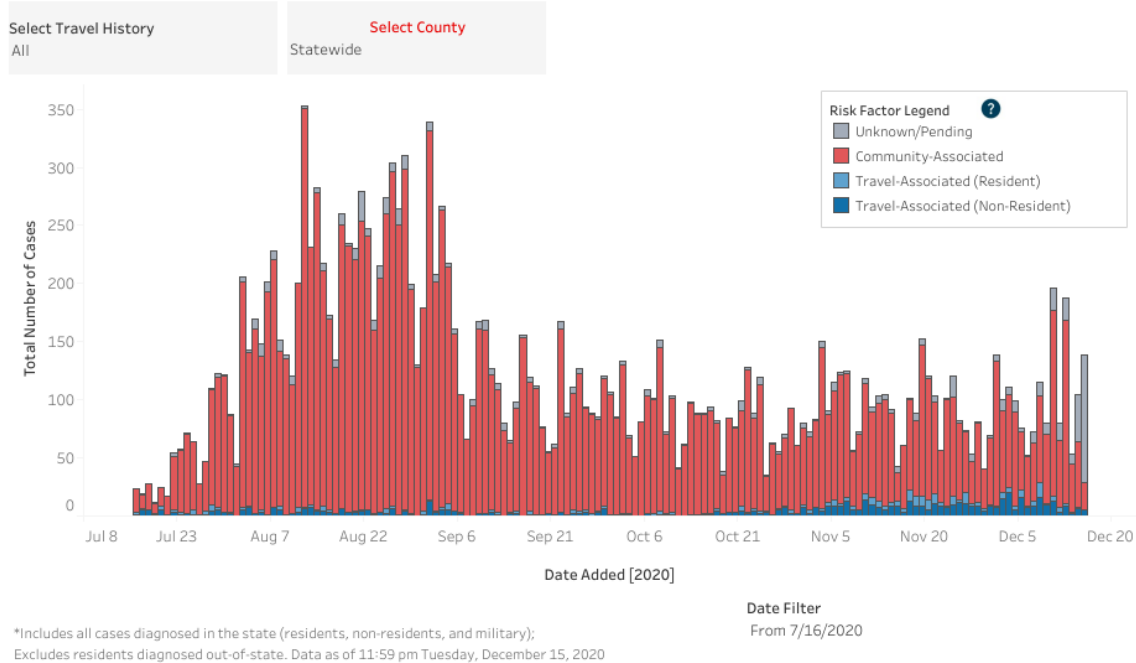
In addition, the proclamation extends a moratorium on evictions for renters and lifts the suspension on motor vehicle inspections. The 17th emergency proclamation is in effect until Feb. 14, 2021, which is 60 days from the date of the governor's signature. See the full proclamation here: https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2012088-ATG_Seventeenth-Proclamation-Related-to-the-COVID-19-Emergency-distribution-signed.pdf

Department of Health:





COVID-19 Cases By Residence Status and Travel History, Hawaii 2020
Updated Thursday, December 17, 2020



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

Two Additional Deaths on O’ahu and 142 New COVID-19 Cases Reported Statewide

DOH is reporting two (2) additional COVID-19 deaths today. Both are men who had been hospitalized with underlying conditions.

- 40-49 yrs.
- 50-59 yrs.

142 additional coronavirus cases were reported today. This report includes cases up until Tuesday 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. 15, 2020

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)
O’ahu	113	16,656
Hawai’i	16	1,763
Maui	7	735
Kaua’i	1	135
Moloka’i	0	22
Lāna’i	0	106
HI residents diagnosed outside of HI	5	314
Total Cases	142	19,731++
Deaths	2	280

Hospitalizations as of 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 16, 2020 – Hawai'i-3, Maui-4, O'ahu-46, Kaua'i-0

++As a result of updated information, one (1) case from Maui was recategorized to Kaua'i; one (1) case from O'ahu was recategorized to Hawai'i; one (1) case from Hawai'i was recategorized to out-of-state; and one (1) case from Hawai'i was dropped from the counts.

36,000 Doses of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Expected to Arrive This Month

Director of Health Dr. Elizabeth Char released the following statement following an important committee recommendation that the U.S. Food & Drug Administration grant Emergency Use Authorization for the Moderna mRNA-1273 COVID-19 vaccine:

“Today’s vote will likely lead to the FDA authorizing a second vaccine to help safeguard our community,” said Dr. Char. “It was vitally important for this committee of scientists and clinicians to complete an in-depth review of this vaccine. That review involved a clinical trial of more than 30,000 people. It gives us confidence about the vaccine’s safety and efficacy. Due to its storage requirements, this vaccine is easier to ship and store than the vaccine already in use.”

Today’s news follows the arrival of additional doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, which were distributed to healthcare facilities across O’ahu to be shared with their network of facilities including those on the neighbor islands. Together, more than 81,000 doses of both vaccines are expected to arrive in Hawai'i in December. Read the full release: <https://hawaiicovid19.com/fda-panel-recommends-granting-emergency-use-authorization-of-moderna-covid-19-vaccine/>

Weekly COVID-19 Cluster Report

DOH’s six-page weekly cluster report is attached with this Daily News Digest.



State of Hawai'i
Weekly COVID-19 Cluster Report
December 17, 2020



Key Updates: Clusters Involving Social Gatherings

- **Substantial COVID-19 transmission can result from even small social gatherings, especially when masks are removed to eat and drink.** One cluster involving a friend group that frequently gathered for small social activities resulted in a total of 19 cases. Transmission appears to have occurred during at least three small gatherings in mid-November, including multiple beach gatherings and a backyard barbeque. In the case of the backyard barbeque, one attendee, who was asymptomatic, got tested for COVID-19 a few days following the event. Although that individual immediately notified the other three attendees, the information was received after the exposed individuals had attended other social events, worked, and had close contact with their household members, family, and close friends. Transmission in all of the social gatherings involved in this cluster was primarily observed among individuals **eating and drinking together in group social settings.**
- Attendees of a small birthday party in October became a COVID-19 cluster when all 7 later tested positive. Although attendees reported engaging in some preventive measures at the gathering, they also reported **frequently removing masks to eat and drink.** At one point the entire group crowded around a computer screen for an extended period of time to talk to someone who was participating via Zoom. Two attendees were hospitalized for COVID-19 related illness.
- One cluster traced to group of **teenagers socializing in a forested recreational area** shows the risk of riding together in the same car. One of the teens had recently returned from the mainland United States and was symptomatic during the gathering. Two other teens present for the outdoors excursion subsequently tested positive for COVID-19, as did one close contact that had not been present.

Introduction to the State of Hawai'i Weekly COVID-19 Cluster Report

A disease cluster refers to multiple cases of a disease occurring at one time, in one geographic location, or among people with the same or similar shared exposures. Public health officials investigate and study disease clusters because they can provide important information about how diseases are transmitted between individuals and among groups of people; information which can then be used to identify risk factors, inform official recommendations, design interventions, and implement policies to prevent, mitigate, and stop the spread of that disease in communities.

In Hawai'i, COVID-19 clusters associated with community events, social gatherings, workplaces, and other settings have helped public health officials understand the specific settings where disease transmission is most likely to occur. As our state looks to modify current restrictions on businesses and activities implemented in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Hawai'i State Department of Health is prioritizing not only investigating and analyzing local COVID-19 clusters, but also sharing current cluster information and disseminating key lessons learned to date.

It is important to note that most COVID-19 cases cannot be linked to a specific setting or cluster. Therefore, the total number of cases identified as associated with COVID-19 clusters in Hawai'i will be significantly lower than the overall total number of cases of COVID-19 identified within the State of Hawai'i. The tables below summarize COVID-19 clusters that have been identified through statewide case

Hawai'i State Department of Health | Disease Outbreak Control Division | <https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019> 1

https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/files/2020/12/Hawaii_COVID-19_Weekly_Cluster_Report_17DEC20_SK.pdf

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. Here's another holiday health message from HAH. 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 are available in 16 languages at: www.hah.org



Department of Public Safety:
Inmate and Staff Testing Continues

Surge testing of inmates and staff at facilities statewide is ongoing. Halawa Correctional Facility reports two (2) more positive staff cases. The active positive staff count is now 35 and the active positive inmate count remains unchanged at 177. The Waiawa Correctional Facility reports nine (9) inmate recoveries, lowering the total active positive inmate cases to 11, including two (2) in the hospital. The O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) reported nine (9) negative inmate test results and one (1) negative staff result. 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/>.

**Hawai'i Tourism Authority:
9,600 Passengers Arrive on Wednesday**

Yesterday, a total of 9,600 people arrived in Hawai'i from out of state. A total of 4,344 people indicated they came to Hawai'i for vacation. There were also 1,315 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

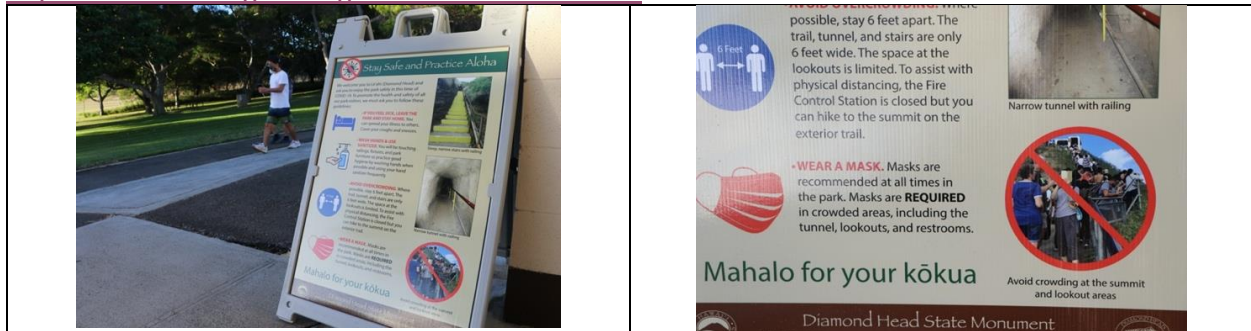
Dec 16	Honolulu (HNL)	Kahului (OGG)	Kona (KOA)	Līhu'e (LIH)	Grand Total
Airline Crew	416	204	102	0	722
Connecting Flight (Transit)	335	17	5	1	358
Corporate Meeting	4	2	0	0	6
Essential Worker	75	18	11	0	104
Honeymoon	12	5	0	0	17
Intended Resident	107	19	23	1	150
Military or Federal Government	74	0	0	1	75
Other	63	26	17	0	106
Other Business	60	39	15	0	114
Pleasure/Vacation	1,630	1,982	732	0	4,344
Returning Resident	1,034	157	109	15	1,315
Sports Event	2	0	0	0	2
To Attend School	15	0	1	0	16
To Get Married	3	5	0	0	8
Transit	2	0	0	0	2
Visiting Friends or Relatives	1,717	293	241	10	2,261
Grand Total	5,549	2,767	1,256	28	9,600

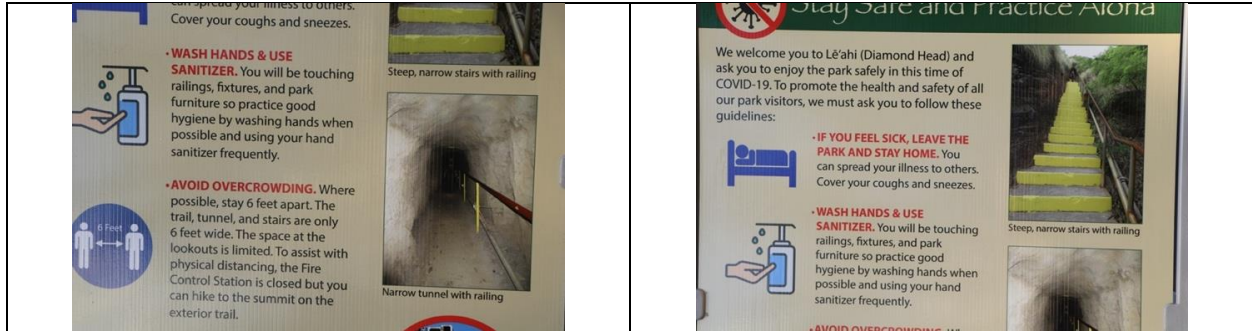
To view more: <https://www.hawaiitourismauthority.org/covid-19-updates/trans-pacific-passenger-arrivals/>

**Department of Land and Natural Resources:
Famous Diamond Head State Monument Reopened Today**

After a nine-month-long closure, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Diamond Head State Monument reopened today. In addition to new measures to reduce crowding on the summit trail, in the pedestrian tunnel, and throughout the iconic state park, the Division of State Parks has posted twenty signs reminding people to always practice now-common health protection measures during their visits to Diamond Head. Read the full release here:

<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/12/17/nr20-200/>





Helpful Resources

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://hawaiiicovid19.com/travel-partners/>

Safe Travels Hawai'i Program:

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

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

Email: info@gohawaii.com

Call Center Number: 1-800-GO-HAWAII

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

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/data-dashboard/>

Safe Travels Digital Platform:

<https://hawaiiicovid19.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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