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

State Laboratory Guarding Against New COVID-19 Strains

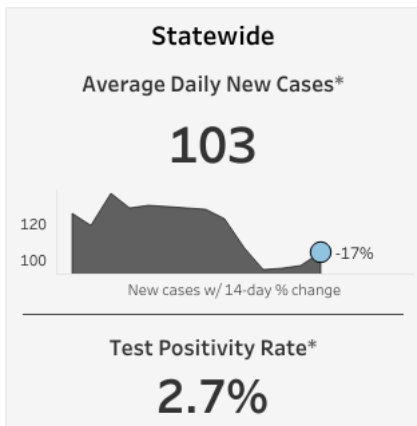
The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) continues to proactively test COVID-19 specimens looking for new strains that may be significantly more contagious or differ in other ways from earlier strains. Recent variants first discovered in the United Kingdom and South Africa are spreading more easily and quickly than other variants and have already spread to other countries. The B1.1.7 variant has already reached the U.S. mainland and Canada.

The Hawai'i State Laboratories Division (SLD) began its molecular surveillance in June and to date has performed genome sequencing on nearly 700 samples of viral RNA. Neither B1.1.7 nor B.1.351, the variant discovered in South Africa, has been found in Hawai'i, but that does not mean they are not here or will not arrive in the future.

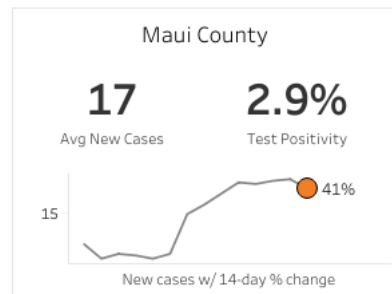
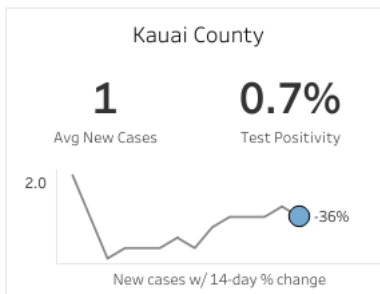
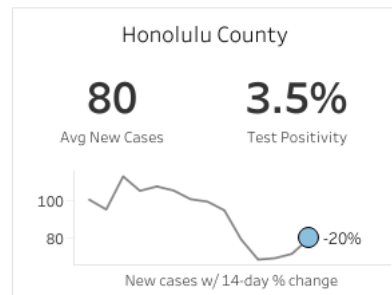
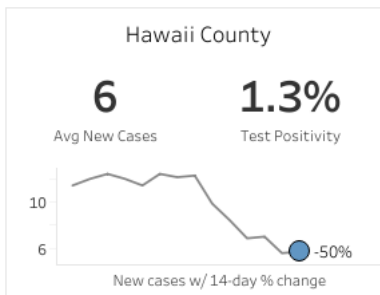
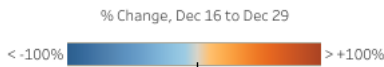
"There is no evidence these variants cause more severe illness or increase the risk of death, but research shows they spread much faster than the COVID-19 already found in Hawai'i," said Dr. Libby Char, director of the Hawai'i Department of Health. "These new strains remind us how important it is to avoid large gatherings, wear masks, and practice physical distancing as we usher in the New Year."

The DOH is collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to detect new variants of COVID-19 and contain their spread. The CDC has personnel in Hawai'i to support investigation of viral variants should they be found.

For more information visit <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/state-laboratory-guarding-against-new-covid-19-strains/>

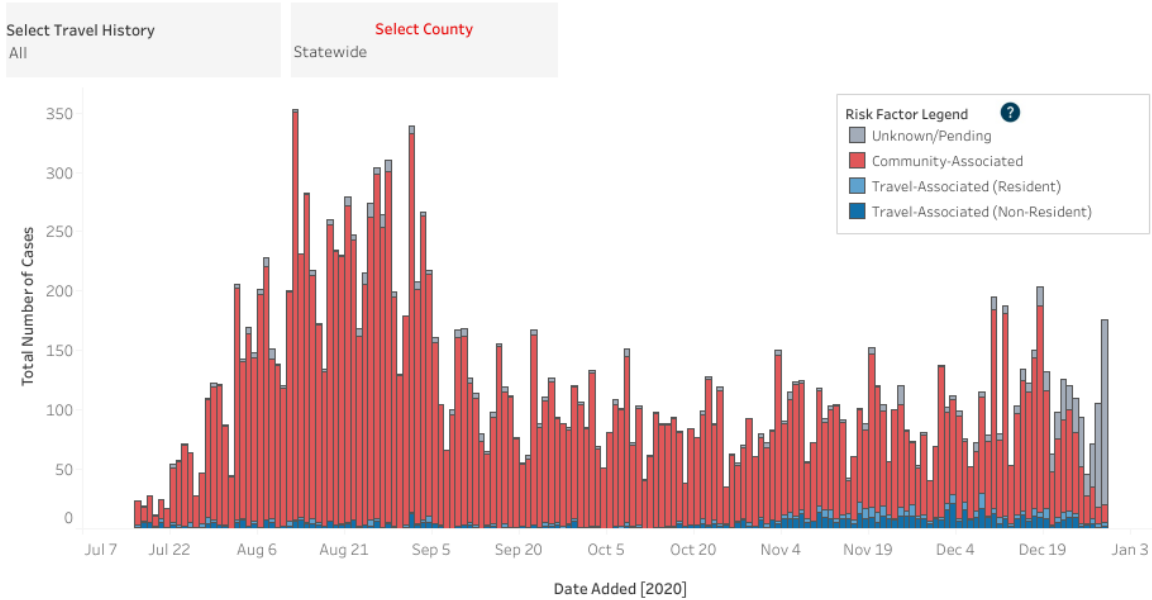


* Metrics represent 7-day moving averages
 Data as of 11:59pm December 29, 2020



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

Updated Thursday, December 31, 2020



*Includes all cases diagnosed in the state (residents, non-residents, and military);
 Excludes residents diagnosed out-of-state. Data as of 11:59 pm Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Date Filter
 7/16/2020 to 12/29/2020

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

188 New COVID-19 Cases and Three (3) Deaths Reported Statewide

Three (3) COVID-19 deaths were reported today bringing the new statewide death total to 288. The three women from Honolulu were hospitalized with underlying conditions between the ages of 50-79 years old. 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 at [HawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard](https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard).

Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Dec. 29, 2020

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)
O'ahu	135	17,908
Hawai'i	14	1,887
Maui	26	958
Kaua'i	0	145
Moloka'i	0	22
Lāna'i	0	106
HI residents diagnosed outside of HI	13	371
Total Cases	188	21,397++
Deaths	3	288

99 Hospitalizations as of 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 30, 2020 – Hawai'i-3, Maui-7, O'ahu-88, Kaua'i-1
++As a result of updated information, one case from Maui was recategorized to out-of-state.

Department of Public Safety

Inmate and Staff Testing Continues

The Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) reported 62 more inmate test results as part of surge testing efforts. Of that total, 37 were positive and 25 were negative. An additional 13 inmates have recovered, increasing the total recoveries to 239. There are seven (7) inmates hospitalized. There were also three (3) more staff cleared to return to work. Surge testing, with the assistance of DOH, the Hawai'i National Guard and Project Vision Hawai'i, will continue at HCF until there are no new positive cases at the facility. The O'ahu Community Correctional Center reports one (1) new positive staff case. 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:

12,501 Passengers Arrived on Wednesday


Yesterday, a total of 12,501 people arrived in Hawai'i from out of state. A total of 6,091 people indicated they came to Hawai'i for vacation. There were also 2,611 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 30	Honolulu (HNL)	Kahului (OGG)	Kona (KOA)	Līhu'e (LIH)	Grand Total
Airline Crew	518	229	111	8	866
Connecting Flight (Transit)	265	11	1	1	278
Corporate Meeting	3	0	0	0	3
Essential Worker	89	20	10	1	120
Honeymoon	14	2	6	0	22
Intended Resident	149	30	21	3	203
Military or Federal Government	108	0	0	1	109
Other	69	24	12	0	105
Other Business	40	23	24	0	87
Pleasure/Vacation	2,777	2,338	953	23	6,091
Returning Resident	2,051	272	249	39	2,611
Sports Event	0	13	0	0	13
To Attend School	41	4	6	0	51
To Get Married	12	2	1	0	15
Transit	3	0	0	0	3
Visiting Friends or Relatives	1,338	348	231	7	1,924
Grand Total	7,477	3,316	1,625	83	12,501

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

Helpful Resources



SAFE TRAVELS HAWAII QUICK FACTS

Domestic Trans-Pacific Travel

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10-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 10 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 10-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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10-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 10-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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10-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
1-800-GOHAWAII

Negative COVID-19 test result required prior to departure to avoid 10-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://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 Vaccine Status in Hawai'i and FAQs:

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine/>

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Information: <http://www.oneoahu.org/vaccine>

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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