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

State Laboratory Finds New Variant

DOH's State Laboratories Division (SLD) confirms the presence of a new COVID variant in Hawai'i. The P.2 variant, which contains the E484K mutation, was identified through surveillance testing conducted on O'ahu. While the implications of this additional strain are unknown at this time, the P.2 variant is closely watched because two individuals in Brazil who were previously infected with COVID were reinfected with the P.2 variant.

It is unclear whether this variant is more resistant to vaccines and antibodies gained through previous COVID infection.

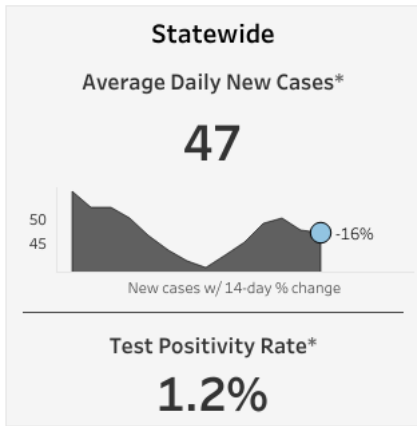
"New case counts are down from a month ago, but these variants remind us to remain vigilant," said State Health Director Dr. Elizabeth Char. "The more the virus is able to infect people, the more opportunity it has to mutate, so it behooves us to prevent infections. We all know that is done by wearing masks, maintaining physical distance, avoiding large gatherings, and getting vaccinated when it is our turn."

While the P.2 variant is still being studied, people previously vaccinated or previously infected are not expected to become seriously ill if infected with the P.2 variant. The P.2 variant is thought to have originated in Brazil. It has been found in several mainland states and Europe.

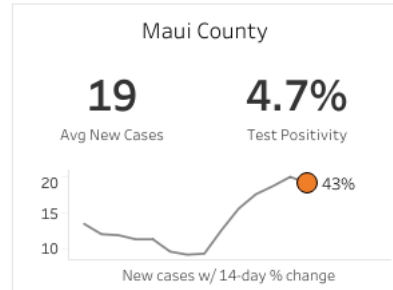
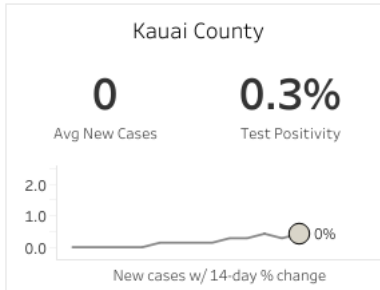
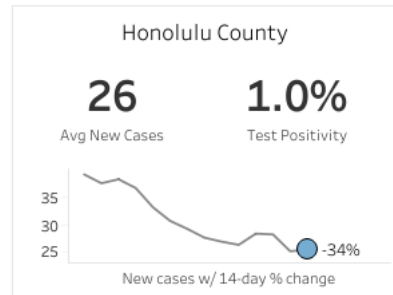
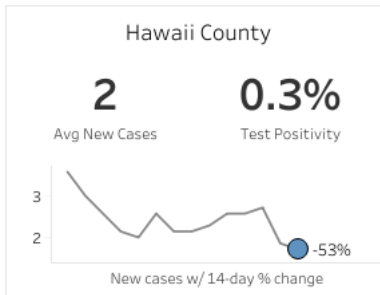
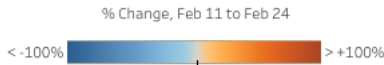
The P.2 variant has thus far been detected in one individual who lives on O'ahu. "That individual recently traveled to the U.S. mainland," said Acting State Epidemiologist Dr. Sarah Kemble. "That person is in isolation and known close contacts are in quarantine."

Get more details here:

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/department-of-health-state-laboratory-finds-new-variant/>



* Metrics represent 7-day moving averages
 Data as of 11:59pm February 24, 2021



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

Daily and Weekly Preliminary Vaccine Administration Updates

The charts below will be included in the Daily News Digest, Monday-Friday.



Daily COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Update, Hawaii 2021
 Updated Friday, February 26, 2021 (updated daily except Weekends and Holidays)

Cumulative Doses Administered*

336,901

▲ **10,135**
 from previous day
 (2/25/2021)

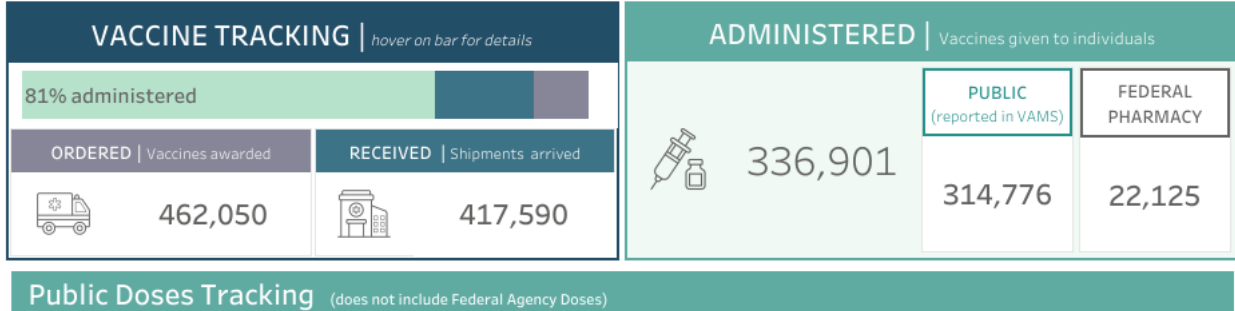
*Reflects preliminary reports of doses administered as of Thursday, February 25, 2021. The Department of Health is currently verifying this number and awaiting additional reports from all of the vaccine sites.

Hawaii COVID-19 Vaccine Summary

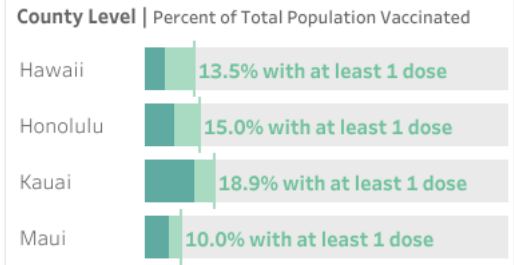
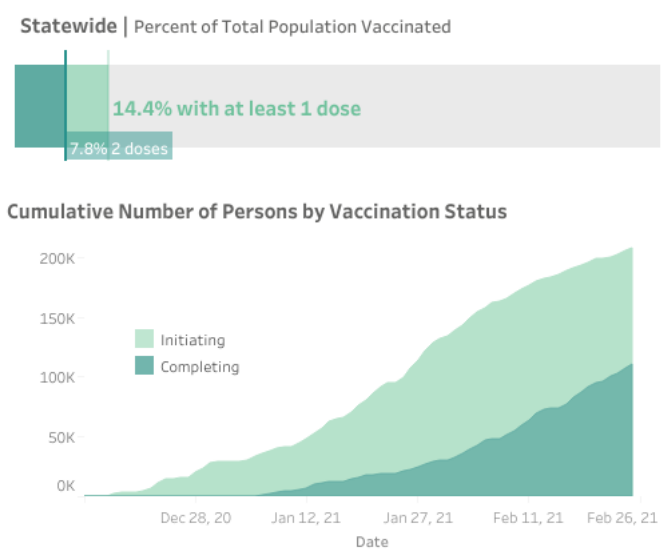
Last Updated on Friday, February 26, 2021

(includes all doses entered in the Vaccine Administration Management System, VAMS)

Click INFO icon for notes on this data



Public Doses Tracking (does not include Federal Agency Doses)



AGE * | Percent of 75+ population with at least 1 dose

Percent 75+ with 1 dose	75 and older with 1 dose	Pop est over 75yrs
61%	65,118	107,600

* This percentage is based on public doses counted in VAMS, not those administered through Federal Pharmacy Program and Federal Agencies, which includes some long term care facilities.

44 New COVID-19 Cases and Two Additional Deaths

DOH reports 44 new cases of coronavirus and two additional deaths today.

O'ahu

1 man, 60-69 yrs, underlying conditions, hospitalized

Maui

1 man, 60-69 yrs, underlying conditions, hospitalized

This report includes cases up until Wednesday at 11:59 p.m. Full data is posted on the State COVID-19 dashboard and on the DOH Disease Outbreak & Control Division website daily:

HawaiiCOVID19.com/data-dashboard.

Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Feb. 24, 2021

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)
O'ahu	24	21,892
Hawai'i	2	2,237
Maui	15	2,121
Kaua'i	1	183
Moloka'i	0	27
Lāna'i	0	108
HI residents diagnosed outside of HI	2	831
Total Cases	44	27,399++
Deaths	2	437

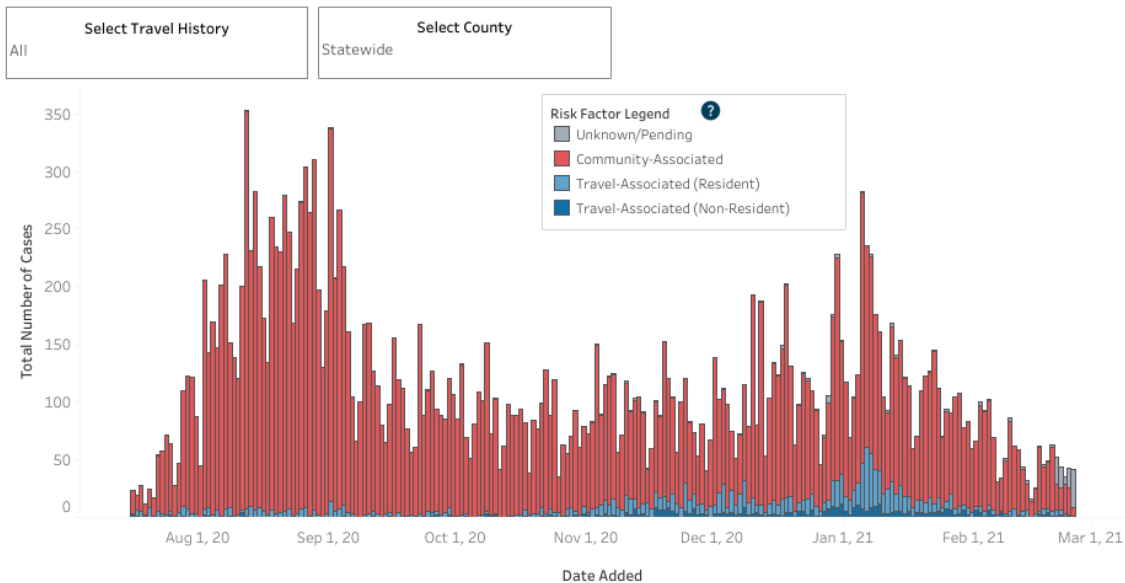
Hospitalizations as of 8:30 a.m. on 2/25/21 – Hawai'i-2, Maui 9, O'ahu-23, Kaua'i-0

++As a result of updated information, 1 case on O'ahu was recategorized to Hawai'i. Two cases on O'ahu and one case on Hawai'i were removed from the counts.



COVID-19 Cases By Residence Status and Travel History, Hawaii 2021

Updated Friday, February 26, 2021



*Includes all cases diagnosed in the state (residents, non-residents, and military); Excludes residents diagnosed out-of-state. Data as of 11:59 pm Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Date Filter
From 7/16/2020

Department of Public Safety:

Statewide Inmate Testing Continues

COVID-19 testing is continuously being conducted statewide at all facilities. The Maui Community Correctional Center received 83 inmate test results. Of that number, 19 were positive and 64 were negative. There were also 11 inmate recoveries reported. The total active positive inmate cases stand at 34. All other correctional facility inmate populations remain clear of the virus. The O'ahu Community Correctional Center reported 14 negative inmate results.

Halawa Correctional Facility received one (1) negative inmate test result and two (2) negative staff results. 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:

12,398 Passengers Arrive on Thursday

Yesterday, a total of 12,398 people arrived in Hawai'i from out of state. A total 7,417 people indicated they came to Hawai'i for vacation. There were also 1,250 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

Feb 25	Honolulu (HNL)	Kahului (OGG)	Kona (KOA)	Līhu'e (LIH)	Grand Total
Airline Crew	477	208	120	20	825
Connecting Flight (Transit)	342	37	2	0	381
Corporate Meeting	12	1	4	1	18
Essential Worker	74	18	9	5	106
Honeymoon	5	12	1	0	18
Incentive Trip	2	0	2	0	4
Intended Resident	111	27	31	12	181
Military or Federal Government	99	1	0	4	104
Other	72	21	12	3	108
Other Business	86	26	18	6	136
Pleasure/Vacation	3,423	2,752	1,161	81	7,417
Returning Resident	944	144	145	17	1,250
Sports Event	28	0	0	0	28
To Attend School	13	2	0	0	15
To Get Married	1	4	2	0	7
Visiting Friends or Relatives	1,206	292	286	16	1,800
Grand Total	6,895	3,545	1,793	165	12,398

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

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://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 Vaccine Status in Hawai'i and FAQs:

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

Vaccine Call Center: 808-586-8332

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

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

Safe Travels Digital Platform:

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/travel/data/>

Kaua'i County:

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

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

Vaccine Information: <https://www.kauai.gov/vaccine>

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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