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HAWAI'I COVID-19 JOINT INFORMATION CENTER
DAILY NEWS DIGEST
March 2, 2021

Governor's Office:

HB 1278/Act 1 Reduces Employer Unemployment Contributions

At an afternoon news conference Governor David Ige signed House Bill 1278 which relates to the Unemployment Insurance Contribution Schedule for businesses and non-profit organizations.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund had a half billion-dollar reserve. By last June, it was drained, and the state began borrowing from the federal government. "To help our business community, I have directed the state to pay for any interest owing on this loan, which amounts to approximately \$30 million annually," Gov. Ige said. He added that the federal government may forgive some of the interest payments, but not all, and not for the life of the loan.

HB 1278 is recognition that small businesses, in particular, need additional relief in order to recover and bring employment back to pre-pandemic levels. The measure allows businesses to pay unemployment taxes, on average, less than half of what they would have otherwise paid in 2021.

- Average Schedule H taxes on employers would have been \$1,800 per employee per year in 2021
- Average tax reduced to \$850, saving the employer \$950 for each employee

Legislative sponsors of HB 1278, Director Anne Perreira-Eustaquio of the Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and a small restaurant owner, joined the governor to talk about the positive impact the bill will have on businesses statewide.

Gov. Ige concluded, "I thank the Legislature for fast-tracking the measure so DLIR can implement the changes quickly. If they had not acted, employers would have been hit with very high unemployment contributions when they could least afford it. This is another instance of the legislative and executive branches coming together to help contain the economic fallout from COVID-19." See the full news release here: <https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/office-of-the-governor-news-release-governor-ige-signs-bill-lowering-employer-contribution-tax-rate-for-two-years/>

First Hawai'i COVID-19 Case Reported One-Year Ago

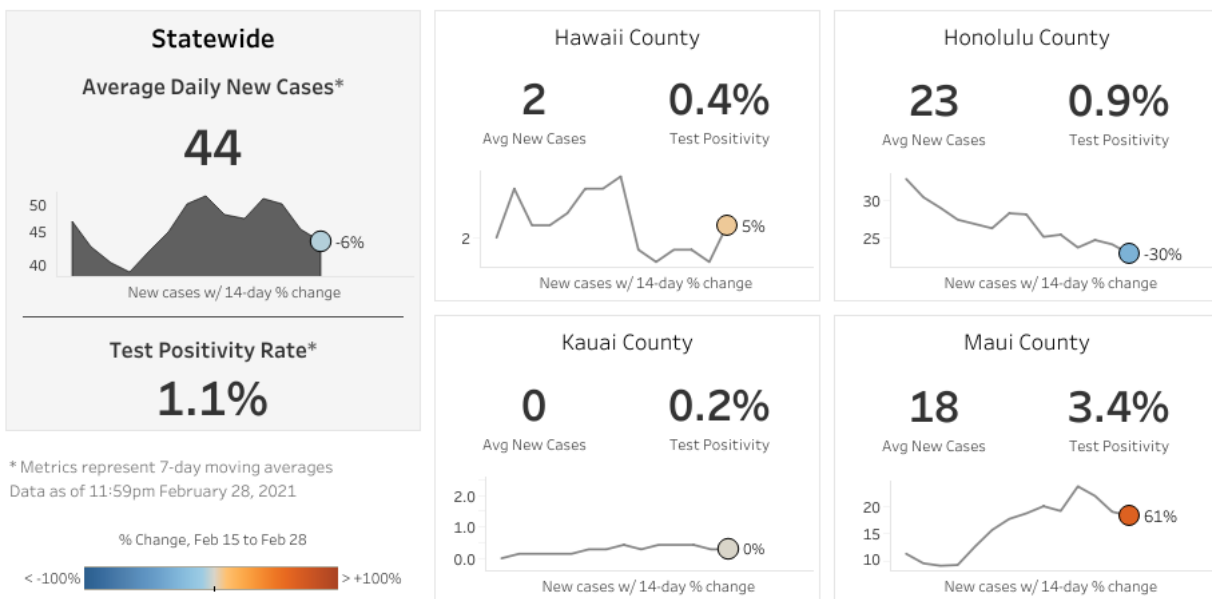
Governor Ige also marked this week as one year since the first case of COVID-19 in Hawai'i. He made these points:

- The travel quarantine and work-from-home measures we took helped protect our health
- Most people have helped by wearing a mask, watching their distance, and staying home when they're sick
- Hawai'i continues to have the lowest case rate and the lowest death rate in the country over the course of the pandemic

Department of Health:



State of Hawai'i - Department of Health - Updated Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Disease Outbreak Control Division | COVID-19 Summary Metrics



<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 Tuesday, March 2, 2021 (updated daily except Weekends and Holidays)

Cumulative Doses Administered*

362,033

▲ 5,190
from previous day
(3/1/2021)

*Reflects preliminary reports of doses administered as of Monday, March 1, 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 Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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

Click **INFO** icon for notes on this data



VACCINE TRACKING hover on bar for details

79% administered

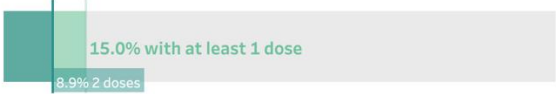
ORDERED Vaccines awarded	RECEIVED Shipments arrived
498,750	457,050

ADMINISTERED | Vaccines given to individuals

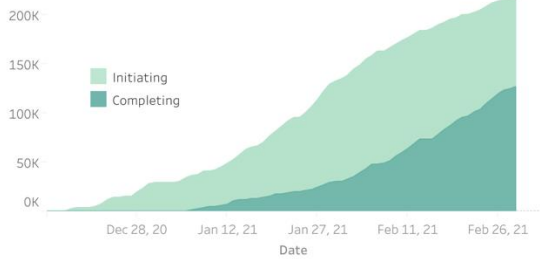
362,033	PUBLIC <small>(reported in VAMS)</small>	FEDERAL PHARMACY
	338,926	23,107

Public Doses Tracking (does not include Federal Agency Doses)

Statewide | Percent of Total Population Vaccinated



Cumulative Number of Persons by Vaccination Status



County Level | Percent of Total Population Vaccinated

Hawaii	14.0% with at least 1 dose
Honolulu	15.5% with at least 1 dose
Kauai	19.6% with at least 1 dose
Maui	11.3% with at least 1 dose

Percent of 75+ population with at least 1 dose

AGE *	Percent 75+ with 1 dose	75 and older with 1 dose	Pop est over 75yrs
	62%	66,796	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.



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

Updated Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Select Travel History

All

Select County

Statewide

Risk Factor Legend ?

- Unknown/Pending
- Community-Associated
- Travel-Associated (Resident)
- Travel-Associated (Non-Resident)

*Includes all cases diagnosed in the state (residents, non-residents, and military); Excludes residents diagnosed out-of-state. Data as of 11:59 pm Sunday, February 28, 2021

Date Filter
From 7/16/2020

35 New COVID-19 Cases

DOH reports 35 new cases of coronavirus. 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 Division website daily: [HawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard](https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard).

Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Feb. 28, 2021

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)
O'ahu	18	21,984
Hawai'i	3	2,248
Maui	13	2,231
Kaua'i	-1	182
Moloka'i	0	27
Lāna'i	0	108
HI residents diagnosed outside of HI	2	843
Total Cases	35	27,623++
Deaths	0	439

Hospitalizations as of 8:30 a.m. on 3/1/21 – Hawai'i-1, Maui 11, O'ahu-20, Kaua'i-0
++As a result of updated information, one case on Kaua'i was recategorized to Maui.

Restaurant Fined for COVID-Related Food Safety Placard & Permit Violations

The DOH Food Safety Branch has issued a Notice of Violation and Order (NOVO) to Doner Shack located at 79 South Pauahi St. in Honolulu. The company is ordered to pay a fine of \$4,000 for removing the red placard posted at their establishment by a health inspector and for operating without a permit on three occasions.

In response to a public complaint, received on Jan. 20, health inspections were conducted at Doner Shack on Jan. 25 and 27. During both inspections, the establishment's manager was observed working without a face mask among customers. After the first violation, a written warning notice was issued, and after the second violation, a red "closed" placard was issued to protect public health.

On Jan. 27, after a health inspector posted the red "closed" placard at Doner Shack, the owner removed the placard and refused to close, violating Hawai'i Administrative Rules.

"Properly wearing face masks is essential to preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our food establishments," said Peter Oshiro, Food Safety Branch chief. "It is so critical at this time for all businesses and customers to pay close attention to mask wearing requirements as this will help to bring an end to the pandemic."

Read the entire news release: <https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/department-of-health-fines-doner-shack-4000-for-food-safety-placard-and-permit-violations/>

For more information on the department's restaurant placarding program go to <http://health.hawaii.gov/san/>

Department of Public Safety:

Statewide Inmate Testing Continues

COVID-19 testing is continuously being conducted statewide at all facilities. There were 10 inmate recoveries reported at the Maui Community Correctional Center decreasing the active positive inmate count to 29. The O'ahu Community Correctional Center reported 18 negative inmate 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:

11,865 Passengers Arrive on Monday

Yesterday, a total of 11,865 people arrived in Hawai'i from out of state. A total 6,809 people indicated they came to Hawai'i for vacation. There were also 1,468 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

Mar 1	Honolulu (HNL)	Kahului (OGG)	Kona (KOA)	Līhu'e (LIH)	Grand Total
Airline Crew	430	221	120	13	784
Connecting Flight (Transit)	322	16	0	0	338
Corporate Meeting	12	6	13	0	31
Essential Worker	153	33	20	17	223
Honeymoon	20	20	2	0	42
Incentive Trip	2	32	0	0	34
Intended Resident	145	19	26	1	191
Military or Federal Government	179	0	1	3	183
Other	75	16	13	4	108
Other Business	106	25	25	5	161
Pleasure/Vacation	2,948	2,742	1,032	87	6,809
Returning Resident	1,102	197	145	24	1,468
Sports Event	1	0	0	0	1
To Attend School	11	1	1	0	13
To Get Married	8	2	3	0	13
Visiting Friends or Relatives	900	304	235	27	1,466
Grand Total	6,414	3,634	1,636	181	11,865

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://hawaii-covid19.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/>

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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