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## Hawai'i Surpasses 10,000 Active COVID-19 Cases

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i Department of Health reports the state has surpassed 10,000 new COVID-19 cases in the past 14-days and a record high one-day case count today. 10,817 cases were documented in the last 14 days, including 1,678 today. The 10,817 infections reported in the past 14 days are considered a proxy number for active cases.

"This tidal wave of cases is straining our ability to respond at all levels—our hospitals, our labs and even our morgues are nearing or at capacity," said Health Director Dr. Elizabeth Char, FACEP. "We have not yet reached the peak of this surge, and we will not until Hawaii residents take further steps to protect themselves and their families."

One Hawai'i lab experienced system errors from August 15 through August 25. Today's case count includes this lab's backlog of cases. The issue has been resolved and is indicative of the intense strain on the state's health infrastructure.

Today's case count included two deaths. More details are included below:

## Oahu

- 1 Female, 60-69 yrs, underlying conditions, hospitalized
- 1 Female, 70-79 yrs, underlying conditions, hospitalized

A full data report continues to be available at health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/.