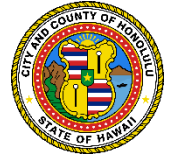




'Ewa/'Ewa Beach COVID-19 Information CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

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Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

We are all being affected by the daily changes to our ways of living necessitated by our collective desire to be safe from an invisible virus that has wreaked havoc around the globe. What began in Hawaii as a 9-1-1 call to stop the introduction of this virus to our shores by infected travelers has now progressed to an image of a long dark tunnel with daylight that we envision yet cannot see.

It is hard to know how deep into this tunnel we now are. Paraphrasing the great leader Winston Churchill, are we at the end of the beginning? Are we at the beginning of the end? And, when we get to the end how will it compare to the way things were before?

As your Councilmember, I am doing things to help us in this journey and to ensure that we all emerge safely on the other side. I have called upon Governor Ige and others to order an increase in necessary testing and tracing to discover those who may be infected, to implement scientifically-based best practices to keep essential businesses and their customers safe, to stop the flow of possibly infected visitors to Hawaii, and to call for a moratorium on the eviction of tenants unable to pay their rent due to this emergency. After the Council adopted the resolutions I introduced, Governor Ige issued his 5th Proclamation ordering additional safety requirements for essential businesses and imposing a moratorium on residential evictions as a matter of law.

I will do all I can and will continue to provide you with the best information to help in our journey towards the light. We are all 'ohana and are in this together.

Mahalo,

COVID-19 UPDATES

Resolution 20-93, FD1 introduced by Ron Menor and Tommy Waters, adopted April 15, 2020 by the City Council. Urges the Hawaii Department of Health to aggressively expand COVID-19 testing and provide adequate staffing to enhance the tracking of persons who have come into contact with an infected individual so they can be tested and isolated if necessary to control the spread of coronavirus within the community.

Resolution 20-94 introduced by Ron Menor and Tommy Waters, adopted April 15, 2020 by the City Council. Urges big box stores and other retail establishments to implement proactive public health measures including the wearing of face masks and limiting the number of people who can enter stores to protect customers and employees.

Resolution 20-95, FD1 introduced by Ron Menor, adopted April 15, 2020 by the City Council. Urges the President of The United States to ban all non-essential travel to the state of Hawaii, requests Hawaii's tourism industry to cease all activities bringing visitors to Hawaii during the current emergency, and urges Governor Ige to modify his 2nd and 4th Supplemental Proclamations to impose mandatory travel restrictions on incoming visitors who attempt to quarantine in vacation rentals."

Resolution 20-96, FD1 introduced by Ron Menor, adopted April 15, 2020 by the City Council. Requests Governor Ige implement a moratorium on tenant evictions and homeowner foreclosures beyond the relief now provided through the Federal CARES Act.

5th Supplementary Proclamation for COVID-19 issued by Governor David Ige, April 17, 2020. Establishes additional safety requirements on essential businesses, orders the closure of State beaches, imposes limits on the number of people who may boat, hike, or fish together, and imposes a moratorium on the eviction of residential tenants.

The text of the Governor's 5th Supplementary proclamation is available at:

<https://governor.hawaii.gov/emergency-proclamations/>

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Mayor Caldwell Opens City Parks for Limited Activities Beginning on Saturday, April 25th.

Mayor Caldwell has announced that City parks will be opened for limited exercise activities beginning on Saturday, April 25 at 5 a.m. Approved activities include walking, jogging, and bicycle riding. The public may traverse a park to access the ocean or open restrooms. Other City park facilities will remain closed such as volleyball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, skateboard parks, pickleball courts, gyms, swimming pools, baseball fields, recreational areas, children's playground equipment, jungle gyms, exercise equipment, and campgrounds. No team sports, picnics, or public gatherings are allowed. Parking lots will be open to enable people to engage in approved exercise activities. Hanauma Bay will remain closed. Mayor Caldwell stressed social distancing and mask-wearing protocols as appropriate while engaged in these activities.

See Mayor Caldwell's Press Conference on April 21, 2020:

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2020/04/21/live-mayor-announce-plans-modify-citys-stay-at-home-order/>

See Mayor Caldwell's Order Regarding the Opening of City Parks for Limited Purposes:

http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/may/may_docs/Emergency_Order_No._2020-08.pdf

Mayor Caldwell Extends the City's Stay-At-Home Order Until May 31st.

Mayor Caldwell extended his emergency stay-at-home order now set to expire on April 30, 2020 until May 31, 2020. See Mayor's Original Stay-At-Home order of March 22, 2020:

https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/may/may_docs/Emergency_Order_No._2020-02ProdLinks.pdf

The Wearing of Face Coverings Is Now Mandatory.

All Honolulu residents are now required to wear non-medical masks or face coverings while out in the public conducting business including riders on The Bus and on the Handi-Van. Both Mayor Caldwell and Governor Ige have ordered the wearing of face coverings.

For more information or specific details, Mayor Caldwell's news release is available at

<http://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-sitearticles/1305-site-csd-news-2020-cat/38286-04-15-20-mayor-mandates-non-medical-grade-face-coverings-in-public-for-o%E2%80%98ahu-residents.html>

For further information, see the Mayor's official order available at:

http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/may/may_docs/Emergency_Order_No._2020-07.pdf

The Mayor tweeted the following to highlight the exceptions to his face coverings mandate:



For this and other tweets from the Mayor: <https://twitter.com/MayorKirkHNL/status/1250618981213286400>

For information on how to make a mask, see the following:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

The State of Hawaii Unemployment Claims Process Has Been Updated to Address Unprecedented Demand.

The unprecedented surge in Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims by Hawaii employees has created backlogs which the State Department of Labor is addressing. Please try to reach them at 586-8970. Updated information is available at: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/ui/>

The Federal CARES Act provides an additional \$600 each week for those collecting unemployment.

<https://labor.hawaii.gov/ui/main/federal-pandemic-unemployment-compensation-information-and-rights/>

Self-employed individuals and independent contractors will soon be eligible for unemployment benefits through the Federal CARES Act recently passed by the U.S. Congress. The State Department of Labor will administer this newly created Federal program and is presently building a website to administer these new Federal benefits.

Addressing Hunger and Food Insecurity

The loss of income in an already tight budget creates hunger and food insecurity. There are government and community programs to help.

SNAP - The Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program (SNAP) provides crucial food and nutritional support to qualifying low-income and needy households in Hawaii. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) Benefit, Employment & Support Services Division (BESSD).

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/snap/>

Food banks and food distribution sites - In response to this pandemic there are an unprecedented number of voluntary food banks springing into action. Open the attached matrix to find a food bank and its hours of operation in your community.

<http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org/Websites/foodbank/images/Oahu%20Food%20Assistance%20Handout%204-15-2020%20@%205.30p.pdf>

Crisis Hotline

The State has a crisis hotline that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When you call, you'll be connected to professional who specialize in helping people cope with crisis. Call (808) 832-3100. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can be reached at (800) 273-8255.

For general questions regarding COVID-19, you can contact the following resources:

COVID-19 Resources:

Phone: 768-CITY (2489)

Email: covidresponse@honolulu.gov

Website: www.oneoahu.org

COVID-19 Hotline:

Phone: 2-1-1 (7 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

Hawai'i Department of Health

www.hawaiicovid19.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Summary Listing of All of Governor Ige's Official Emergency Proclamations With Respect to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Please click on the link below to open and view a list of all of Governor Ige's Emergency Proclamations to date. Once you open the page, you may then select any of the COVID-19 Emergency Proclamations that the Governor has issued by simply clicking on that particular link.

<https://governor.hawaii.gov/emergency-proclamations/>

Summary Listing of All of Mayor Caldwell's Official Actions With Respect to the COVID 19 Pandemic

Please click on the link below to open and view a list of all of Mayor Caldwell's official actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to date. Once you open the page, you may then select any of the proclamations, orders, rules, or guidances the Mayor has issued by simply clicking inside that box. The most recent mayoral actions are located at the top of the page and the oldest mayoral actions are located at the bottom.

<http://www.honolulu.gov/mayor/proclamations-orders-and-rules.html>

Online Educational Resources for Children and Parents/Guardians

Hawaii Department of Education: on-line educational resources for students and their parents/guardians.

Website: <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/resources-student-parent/home>

Hawaii Department of Consumer Affairs LifeSmarts Program: Voluntary program for 6th to 12th graders helping them to become smart and savvy consumers. Teaches consumer literacy through individual and team activities.

Website: <https://cca.hawaii.gov/lifesmarts/teaching-resources/>

The Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts: an on-line curated list of art experiences for individuals of all ages and abilities.

Website: <https://sfca.hawaii.gov/artsed-resources/>

Although Driver's License and Satellite offices are closed, staff are available by phone to answer your questions.

For answers to questions about driver's licensing, state identification cards, and the Real Identification Act requirements, please call (808) 768-9100.

For answers to questions about automobile licensing and registration, please call (808) 768-3798.

Emergency Paid Leave

Website: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employee-paid-leave>

Veterans

Website: <https://www.va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions/>

COVID-19 Screening

Website: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/screening/>

Up-to-date Hawaii's COVID-19 Demographics and Information

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

The Office of Senator Brian Schatz

(808) 523-2061

<https://www.schatz.senate.gov/coronavirus>

The Office of Senator Mazie Hirono

(808) 522-8970

<https://www.hirono.senate.gov/information-and-resources-about-coronavirus>

The Office of Representative Ed Case

(808) 650-6688

<https://case.house.gov/coronavirus/>

The Office of Representative Tulsi Gabbard

(808) 541-1986

<https://gabbard.house.gov/covid-19-response-information-and-resources>

The Office of Governor David Ige

(808) 586-0034

<https://governor.hawaii.gov/>

The Office of Mayor Kirk Caldwell

(808) 768-4141

<https://www.honolulu.gov/mayor/>