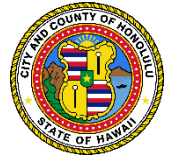




# Community COVID-19 Information HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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## Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

I am aware of the financial sacrifices so many in our community have made to stay at home, to slow the spread, and to flatten the curve. Many business owners, employees, and families are suffering and look to us in government to provide a safety net to help them survive financially.

On Monday, I had the opportunity to participate in a zoom video conference with U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, who is in Washington, D.C., about his perspectives on addressing Hawaii's economic and health concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In regards to helping laid off employees, self-employed workers, and independent contractors who may have lost their jobs or had their hours reduced, Senator Schatz spoke about Congress' action in providing billions of dollars in financial assistance through the CARES Act. He indicated that the State of Hawaii Department of Labor (DOL) continues to disburse Hawaii's portion of these funds. Senator Schatz shared that despite suffering a cyber attack and an unprecedented surge in new unemployment claims which caused their intake system to crash, the DOL was able to repair their system, staff up, and process over 10,000 new applications in one day last week. Senator Schatz continues to monitor the progress of DOL in working to reduce the backlog.

Senator Schatz is also hopeful that small businesses who have applied for and been approved for financial assistance through the CARES Act will receive their funding shortly. Moreover, he indicated that the Coronavirus Aid Package passed by Congress at the end of last week provides \$310 billion of new funding to assist small businesses. In addition, Senator Schatz stated that Congress authorized \$60 billion to be administered by small and medium-sized banks and Commercial Development Financing Institutions for the benefit of small businesses and non-profits not served by large banks. Small businesses began applying for these funds on Monday, April 27, at 4:30 a.m.

I asked Senator Schatz if the \$25 billion contained in the new bill to increase testing capacity could be used by the states and counties to increase the availability of diagnostic testing and contact tracing to determine who has COVID-19, and antibody testing to determine who may be immune. Senator Schatz indicated that the funds could be used for those purposes, and opined that the testing capacity in our State as well as across the nation is not sufficient and needs to be ramped up.

Finally, Senator Schatz shared that he is anticipating that Congress will consider a fifth emergency relief bill in May which he hopes will include substantial additional funding for small businesses and for state and local governments. I will keep you informed as we strive to strike the right balance between rebuilding our economy and protecting the health of our community.

Mahalo,

### COVID-19 UPDATES

#### **Governor Ige Issues 6th Supplementary Emergency Proclamation.**

Governor Ige signed a 6th Supplementary Emergency Proclamation effective April 26th extending the stay-at-home order across the state through May 31st. <https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2004144-ATG-Sixth-Supplementary-Proclamation-for-COVID-19-distribution-signed.pdf>

#### **U.S. Senator Brian Schatz's Recent Press Releases**

**4/27** Hawaii hospitals receive more than \$33 million dollars for COVID 19 testing & treatment.

<https://www.schatz.senate.gov/press-releases/schatz-hawaii-hospitals-and-providers-receiving-more-than-33-million-to-stay-operational-and-cover-cost-of-covid-testing-treatment>

**4/23** Hawaii to receive \$21.3 million dollars for COVID 19 testing & contact tracing.

<https://www.schatz.senate.gov/press-releases/schatz-hawaii-receiving-at-least-213-million-to-boost-covid-19-testing-contact-tracing>

**4/21** Senate passes aid package of nearly \$500 billion dollars in total funding for small businesses and COVID 19 testing.

<https://www.schatz.senate.gov/press-releases/senate-set-to-pass-new-coronavirus-aid-package-including-nearly-500-billion-in-additional-funding-for-small-businesses-hospitals-testing>

**3/30** Hawaii set to receive \$4 billion dollars in relief funding.

<https://www.schatz.senate.gov/press-releases/schatz-hawaii-set-to-receive-at-least-4-billion-in-federal-coronavirus-relief-funding-additional-federal-aid-expected>

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

### **Kickoff of 8-Week Food Distribution Twice Weekly to Begin April 30th**

The Hawaii Foodbank will be launching an eight-week food distribution with the financial assistance of the City and County of Honolulu, the Hawai'i Community Foundation, and the Bank of Hawai'i to provide food to an estimated 4,000 households twice weekly. The Royal Hawaiian Band will provide coordination for this effort and will transport, pack, and assist in distributing the food to individuals and families in need.

The first food distribution will occur on Thursday, April 30, 2020, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Waipi'o Peninsula Soccer Complex. Two subsequent food distributions per week are being planned for eight weeks alternating between four Oahu locations at the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park, the Kaiaka Bay Beach Park (Hale'iwa), the Waimanalo District Park, and the Waipi'o Soccer Complex. The Hawaii Foodbank recommends that multiple family pick-ups (two to three families per vehicle) occur. Consult the Hawai'i Foodbank's website for up-to-date information as to the location of the next food distribution.

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

Numerous other partners are involved including UNITE HERE! Local 5, the ILWU Local 142, the American Job Center of Hawaii, Child and Family Service, the Domestic Violence Action Center, Hawaii Counts - Census 2020, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services, the Royal Hawaiian Band, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation.

For more information, see the following press releases:

<http://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-sitearticles/1305-site-csd-news-2020-cat/38367-04-29-20-food-assistance-program-for-recently-unemployed-set-to-begin-in-waipi%E2%80%98o.html>

<http://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-sitearticles/1305-site-csd-news-2020-cat/38334-04-24-20-innovative-public-private-partnership-to-provide-meals-to-newly-unemployed.html>

### **Governor Ige Issues 6th Supplementary Emergency Proclamation.**

Governor Ige signed a 6th Supplementary Emergency Proclamation effective April 26th extending the stay-at-home order across the state through May 31st. The 14-day quarantine for both visitors and residents entering the State and for inter-island travelers is also extended through the end of May. The Governor's proclamation requires the mayors to get his approval before making any new emergency rules or orders.

The stay-at-home order allows residents to leave their homes for healthcare, food, medicine, and gasoline purchases; taking care of the elderly, minors, or those with disabilities; accessing educational materials for distance learning; and receiving meals and related services. Beaches will remain closed though running, jogging, or walking on the beach will be permitted as long as physical distancing requirements are observed.

Outdoor exercise activities including swimming, surfing, solo paddling, and the walking of pets are allowed. A moratorium preventing the eviction of tenants in residential dwellings for not paying rent will remain in effect through May 31st.

For more information on the Governor's proclamation, see press release available at:

<https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/latest-news/governors-office-news-release-gov-ige-extends-stay-at-home-order-across-the-state-through-may-31/>

### **Additional drive-thru COVID-19 testing to be made available on Oahu**

The City and County of Honolulu is pleased to announce it is supporting more drive-thru COVID-19 testing. Testing will be made available to those without insurance.

This Saturday (May 2):

Premier Medical Group Hawai'i will be conducting testing at Leilehua High School parking lot (Wahiawa) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kalihi Kai Urgent Care will be leading testing at Ala Moana Center (Honolulu) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are asked to enter from Piikoi Street, then head up the ramp to the parking lot on the second floor. Turn left and then an immediate right all the way to the end, then go to the next row. Testing is at the end of that row. Traffic is blocked to the third row.

For more information, see press release available at: <http://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-sitearticles/1305-site-csd-news-2020-cat/38358-04-28-20-additional-drive-thru-covid-19-testing-to-be-made-available-on-o%CA%BBahu.html>

**Resolution 20-99:** Councilmember Menor introduced Council Resolution 20-99 on April 23, 2020 urging the Commander of the Pacific Fleet to cancel RIMPAC maritime exercises consisting of more than 25,000 military personnel from 22 countries in and around Hawaii from June 26th through August 1, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Resolution 20-99 articulates the potential threat to public safety and the health of the residents of Hawaii. <http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-259509/RES20-099.pdf>

**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/>

### **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](mailto:covidresponse@honolulu.gov)

Website: [www.oneoahu.org](http://www.oneoahu.org)

#### **COVID-19 Hotline:**

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

Hawai'i Department of Health

[www.hawaiiicovid19.com](http://www.hawaiiicovid19.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/>

**Safety Check requirement to renew auto registration waived until May 31, 2020.**

For more information, see the Department of Customer Services website at: <http://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-sitearticles/38020-city-services-smart-options.html>

**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.

**Veterans**

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

**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/>