

Community COVID-19 Information HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL



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Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

Keeping Hawaii safe while restarting our economy has been my constant focus. The huge spikes in coronavirus infections across the United States, particularly in areas from which Hawaii draws a substantial number of visitors such as California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Oregon, and Washington, have heightened my resolve to make sure we get this right now, before we reopen Hawaii to tourism.

I consulted with citizens, businesses, and health experts and introduced a series of resolutions to help spur the best thinking and safety decisions possible. Resolution 20-157 calls upon the Mayor to designate an office to strengthen monitoring and enforcement of the Mayor's public health directives. In **Resolution 20-158**, I urged the State Department of Health to update its food establishment health inspection and colorcoded placard program to ensure compliance with COVID-19 health and safety regulations. In Resolution 20-160, I took a similar approach with respect to establishments that serve liquor such as bars, and requested the Liquor Commission to monitor and enforce compliance with existing public health protocols, such as physical distancing and limiting occupancy, to stem the transmission of COVID-19 within these establishments. In Resolution 20-167, CD1, I questioned the wisdom of exempting military dependents from having to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Hawaii, and called upon Major General Kenneth Hara to rescind that exemption. All of these Resolutions have been approved by various Council committees, and will be taken up for final action by the Council in the coming weeks.

A key resolution that I introduced, **Resolution 20-164, FD1**, urges the Governor to take additional measures to limit travel-related spread of COVID-19 to keep Oahu safe for residents and visitors alike. Moreover, the Council urged Governor Ige to delay his plan to allow certain incoming travelers to bypass the 14-day mandatory quarantine and reopen the tourism industry which had been scheduled to occur on August 1. In the aftermath of the Council's hearing and adoption of this resolution, the Governor chose to continue the quarantine for travelers through August 31st.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a City Councilmember. If you are ever in need of assistance, you may contact me at any time at 768-5009 or via email at: rmenor@honolulu.gov.

Mahalo,

Ron

COVID-19 UPDATES

Governor Ige Extends 14 Day Mandatory Quarantine Through August 31, 2020. Gov. David Ige extended the mandatory 14-day quarantine for travelers entering the State of Hawaii through August 31st. Travelers arriving in Hawaii will continue to undergo a mandatory screening process at the airport and must self-quarantine from their arrival for 14 days, or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter.

See page 28 of 29: https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2007090-ATG_Tenth-Supplementary-Proclamation-for-COVID-19-distribution-signed.pdf

Governor Ige Will Address A Pre-Travel Testing Option to Mandatory Quarantine in August. The pre-travel testing option to the mandatory 14 day quarantine for travelers to Hawaii is currently scheduled to begin on September 1st. It is anticipated that Governor Ige will issue his 11th Supplemental Emergency Proclamation sometime in August to address this issue.

Governor Ige Extends Moratorium on Evictions Through August 31, 2020. The moratorium on evictions for the non-payment of rent is continued through August 31st. See page 28 of 29: https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2007090-ATG Tenth-Supplementary-Proclamation-for-COVID-19-distribution-signed.pdf

Mayor Caldwell Orders Wearing of Face Coverings.

Everyone on Oahu is required to wear non-medical grade face coverings over their noses and mouths at indoor public spaces within essential businesses and operations, as well as in outdoor areas where physical distancing is unlikely or difficult to maintain. A face shield may be worn by individuals who are unable to wear a face covering for health or safety reasons. The wearing of face coverings is intended to complement and not serve as a substitute for physical distancing and cleanliness.

See July 2nd Mayor's Order: https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/may/may_docs/Em ergency Order No. 2020-18.pdf

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Mayor Caldwell Orders Wearing of Face Coverings While Exercising in Fitness Facilities and Gyms. Patrons must limit their exercise to the extent they can breathe comfortably while wearing a face covering. See July 22nd Mayor's Order: https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/may/may_docs/Emergency_Order_No. 2020-20 - 2.pdf

Mayor Caldwell Orders Bars Close at Midnight. The sale, service, and consumption of liquor must cease on or before 12:00 a.m. See July 14th Mayor's Order:

https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/may/may_docs/Emergency_Order_No. 2020-19.pdf

Mayor Caldwell Allows Singing or Playing of Wind Instruments Subject to Conditions. Mayor Caldwell previously prohibited singing or playing of wind instruments in restaurants and bars and other social gatherings. Mayor Caldwell created an exception for such activities with more leniency being granted to outdoor activities. For outdoor activities, 10 feet of social distancing is required and the use of a physical barrier is recommended to the extent practicable. For indoor activities, the use of a physical barrier is mandatory. Social distancing is not required for "performing groups" performing together. A "performing group" is defined in the order as persons who are compensated for singing or playing a wind instrument. See June 22nd Mayor's Order: https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/may/may_docs/Emergency_Order_No._2020-16.pdf

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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