May 5, 2021

MEDICAL ADVISORY #22—CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19): CLUSTER OF COVID-19 CASES IN HAWAII ASSOCIATED WITH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS HELD IN NEVADA AND UTAH

Dear Healthcare Provider:

The Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) is investigating a cluster of 30 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases associated with participation in or attendance at football tournaments held in Nevada and Utah in April 2021. Exposures occurred on April 16 and 17, 2021 in Salt Lake City, Utah and on April 24 and 25, 2021 in Mesquite, Nevada. Cases have been identified on Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii in participants, family members, and spectators. One resident remains hospitalized. Illness onsets began in April 2021 through the present date.

HDOH recommends testing after returning to Hawaii for all players, family members, and coaches who attended either of these two tournaments in Nevada and Utah, regardless of symptoms or a previously negative travel test. Individuals who initially test negative after returning to Hawaii but subsequently develop symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested again. Persons who attended these tournaments should quarantine for 10 days from the last date of exposure, even if they are asymptomatic or have a negative COVID-19 test. Persons who were fully vaccinated* prior to exposure at these tournaments do not need to quarantine if they are asymptomatic.

*A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, or two weeks after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

Please report any suspected cases of COVID-19 immediately to HDOH at the numbers listed below. COVID-19 is considered an URGENTLY REPORTABLE condition. Providers should notify HDOH immediately of all persons with a positive molecular or antigen test for COVID-19. Laboratories are required to report positive and negative test results for SARS-CoV-2 (molecular, antigen, or serologic) through electronic laboratory reporting. Information and guidance on COVID-19 continues to evolve. To ensure you are accessing the latest information, please visit HDOH’s COVID-19 webpage or CDC’s COVID-19 website. If you have any questions or need to report a patient with suspected/confirmed COVID-19, please contact us at one of the numbers below.
Oahu (Disease Reporting Line).......................... (808) 586-4586
Maui District Health Office........................................... (808) 984-8213
Kauai District Health Office......................................... (808) 241-3563
Big Island District Health Office (Hilo).......................... (808) 933-0912
Big Island District Health Office (Kona)......................... (808) 322-4877
After hours on Oahu....................................................... (808) 600-3625
After hours on neighbor islands......................................(800) 360-2575 (toll free)

We appreciate your partnership to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

Sincerely,

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The Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) has set up a new Provider Advisory Network (PAN) that will serve to quickly distribute information to Hawaii’s medical community. Through the network, users will be able to receive alerts about new medical advisories, view past medical advisories, and access other resources. This system will be replacing the current distribution system for medical advisories, so if you wish to continue receiving medical advisories, you will have to register with PAN.

PAN is available to all healthcare providers in Hawaii who provide direct patient care. You can access PAN by using the following URL:

https://PAN.health.hawaii.gov

In order to access PAN features, you must register for an account and submit a profile for account approval.

Registering for PAN:

1. Go to https://PAN.health.hawaii.gov
2. Click on “Create an account” then fill in your information and click “Sign up” to receive a verification email.
3. After verifying your email address, log into PAN and fill out your profile, then click submit. After submitting, your account will have to be approved before you have access to PAN. You will receive an email once your account has been approved.
4. After your account has been approved, return to the site and log in again. You will now have access to the content within PAN.

PAN features:
After your account has been approved, when you log in to PAN you will arrive a home page from which you can access PAN’s features.

Advisories Inbox: You will receive email alerts when medical advisories that match your profile are sent out (matching is based on county and specialization). This section contains only those advisories that match your profile (note: all advisories, including ones not matching your profile, are accessible in the “Advisories” section).

Advisories: Contains all released medical advisories.

Catalogs: Collections of resources for health care providers (informational pages, links, documents, etc.)

Surveys: Surveys sent out to users will be accessible through this section.

If you have any questions about PAN, please email doh.PAN.admin@doh.hawaii.gov.