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**Hawaii Department of Health advises all Kauai residents and visitors to avoid or limit exposure to flood waters**

LIHUE, HI – All residents and visitors on Kauai are advised to stay out of flood waters and limit exposure. Heavy rains have caused storm water runoff throughout Kauai, leading to widespread flooding producing large areas of standing water. Coastal waters have also been affected and a brown water advisory remains in effect until further notice.

Everyone is advised to stay out of flood and storm waters due to possible overflowing cesspools, sewer, manholes, pesticides, animal fecal matter, dead animals, pathogens, chemicals, and associated flood debris.

If you must enter areas with flood waters, use caution to minimize exposure. Shower immediately and thoroughly clean contaminated areas. Pay special attention to injuries. Make sure to clean and cover all wounds. Keep children out of standing and flood waters.

Always practice good personal hygiene and follow-up with your primary care physician if you have any health concerns.

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