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**HAWAI'I COVID-19 JOINT INFORMATION CENTER**  
**DAILY NEWS DIGEST**  
November 18, 2020

**Department of Health:**

**71 New COVID-19 Cases Reported**

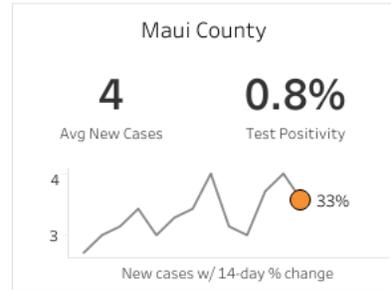
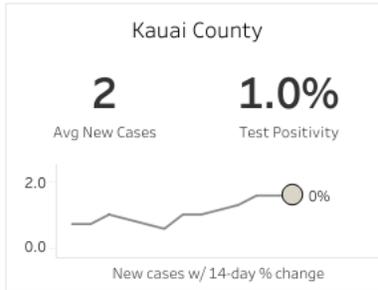
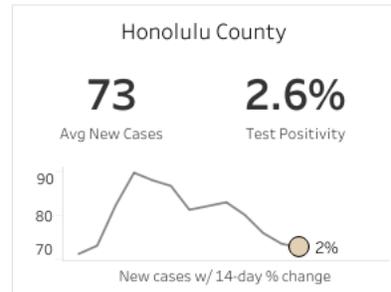
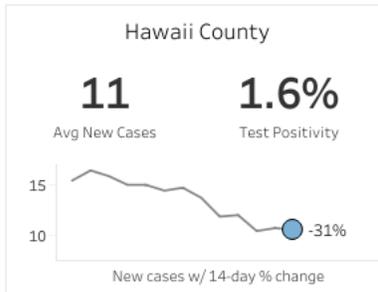
One new COVID-19 death was reported from Hawai'i island. This was a man in the 20-29-year-old category, and he had underlying conditions and had been in the hospital.

This report includes cases reported up until Monday night at 11:59 p.m. Full data is posted on the State COVID-19 dashboard and on the DOH Disease Outbreak & Control website at noon each day. [HawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard](https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard)

**Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Nov. 16, 2020**

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)
O'ahu	59	14,431
Hawai'i	2	1,487
Maui	2	454
Kaua'i	0	82
Moloka'i	0	17
Lāna'i	0	106
HI residents diagnosed outside of HI	8	157
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>16,734++</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>223</b>

++ As a result of updated information, one case on O'ahu and one case out-of-state were removed from the counts.

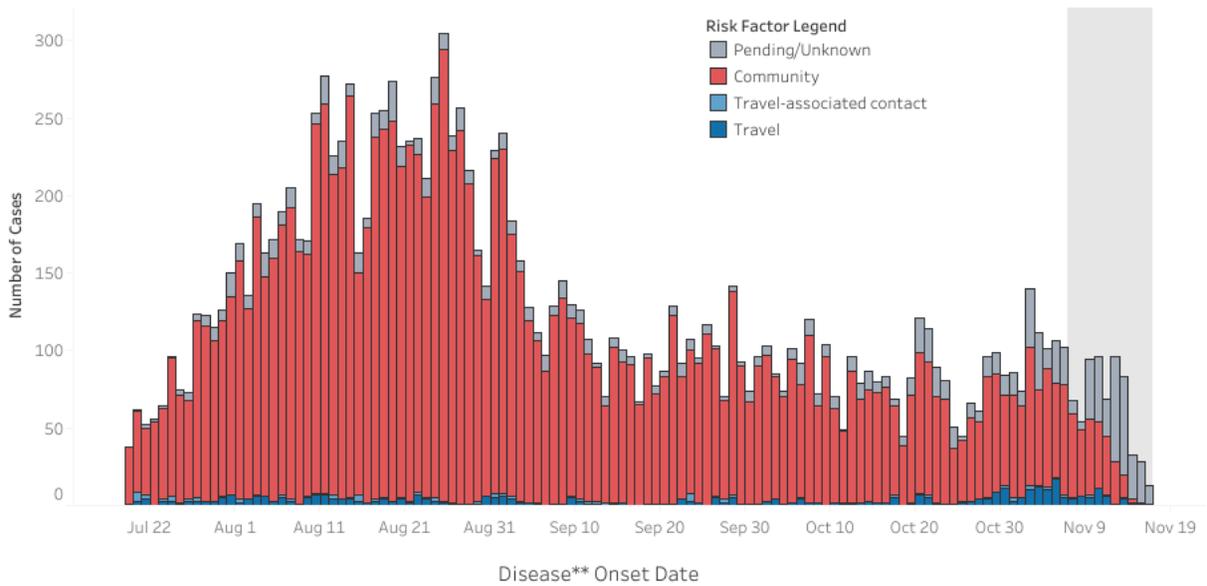


\* Metrics represent 7-day moving averages  
 Data as of 11:59pm November 16, 2020



## COVID-19 Epi Curve\*, Hawaii 2020

Updated November 18, 2020



Date Filter From 7/19/2020

\* Illnesses that began in the past 10 days may not yet have been reported;  
 Includes all cases diagnosed in the state (non-residents and residents);  
 \*\* Based on symptom onset date or test collection date;  
 Data as of 11:59pm November 16, 2020

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

### **Nursing Homes Offered Grants for Visitation Equipment for In-Person Visits**

DOH is making Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds available to Medicare-certified skilled nursing facilities to acquire visitation equipment for in-person visits from relatives and friends.

A total of \$135,000 is available. Skilled nursing facilities may apply for grants up to \$3,000 for equipment that includes clear barriers for indoor visits and tents for outdoor visits. Skilled nursing facilities have until Nov. 27, 2020 to submit grant applications.

“It has been an especially difficult time for residents of skilled nursing facilities who have been separated from their family and friends for months because of necessary restrictions in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19,” said Keith Ridley, chief of the DOH Office of Health Care Assurance, which regulates skilled nursing facilities. Read full news release:

<https://hawaii covid19.com/hawaii-department-of-health-offers-nursing-homes-grants-to-buy-visitation-equipment-for-in-person-visits/>

### **Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism: Newly Released 2020 Hawai'i Broadband Strategic Plan**

This year, the COVID-19 pandemic shined a spotlight on Hawai'i's digital divide as stay-at-home orders required people to distance learn, seek healthcare and work from home.

The newly released Hawai'i Broadband Strategic Plan 2020 provides a fresh look at ways to strengthen Hawai'i's broadband infrastructure and programs at a time when the coronavirus pandemic is making clear how dependent Hawai'i is on broadband connectivity for education, health, livelihood and economic prosperity.

DBEDT, with support from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Office of Planning, published this updated plan. The original was released in 2012.

“Broadband connectivity is the critical infrastructure that builds resilience and ties all of Hawai'i's residents to the global economy -- from businesses in our urban centers to remote workers and content creators in our rural communities,” said Gov. David Ige.

“Due to the pandemic, there is even greater recognition that Hawai'i's competitiveness in the global digital economy, educational exchange, and digital competency is reliant on broadband infrastructure,” said DBEDT Director Mike McCartney.

Burt Lum, DBEDT's Broadband Strategy Officer, said, “All of Hawai'i's residents need to benefit from broadband in order for the state to thrive in the 21st century. This plan seeks to outline the steps to achieve digital equity throughout the state of Hawai'i.”

Download the Hawaii Broadband Strategic Plan Update: <https://broadband.hawaii.gov/about/>.  
See the full news release here: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/blog/20-39/>

### **Hawai'i Tourism Authority:**

#### **7,277 Passengers Arrive on Tuesday**

Yesterday, a total of 7,277 people arrived in Hawai'i from out of state. 3,159 travelers indicated they came to Hawai'i for vacation. 1,310 passengers were returning residents. The trans-Pacific passenger arrival data is derived from data provided by the Safe Travels digital system.

**Reason for Trip by Arrival Airport – Transpacific Screened Passengers**

Nov 17	Honolulu (HNL)	Kahului (OGG)	Kona (KOA)	Līhu'e (LIH)	Grand Total
Airline Crew	310	99	40	59	508
Connecting Flight (Transit)	149	4	0	0	153
Corporate Meeting	5	0	0	0	5
Essential Worker	95	24	9	9	137
Honeymoon	8	11	0	3	22
Incentive Trip	5	1	0	0	6
Intended Resident	122	37	22	12	193
Military or Federal Government	106	1	0	0	107
Other	30	20	4	2	56
Other Business	98	29	20	17	164
Pleasure/Vacation	1,117	1,235	293	514	3,159
Returning Resident	940	179	118	73	1,310
To Attend School	1	0	0	0	1
To Get Married	4	5	0	0	9
Transit	99	8	1	0	108
Visiting Friends or Relatives	876	231	145	87	1,339
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>7,277</b>

To view more: <https://www.hawaiitourismauthority.org/covid-19-updates/trans-pacific-passenger-arrivals/>

**Department of Public Safety:**

**8 Positive at Waiawa Correctional Facility, Inmate Mass Testing Continues**

The Waiawa Correctional Facility has confirmed eight (8) inmates tested positive for COVID-19. The inmates were placed in medical isolation yesterday while they awaited test results. The confirmed positive results were received this morning. There are two (2) other inmates also in medical isolation with pending test results and 130 inmates have been placed under quarantine as a precaution. DOH is conducting contact tracing. PSD staff were notified and encouraged to contact their health care providers if they have questions about possible exposure. PSD’s Health Care Division has already mobilized its nursing staff for testing all inmates that had close contact. Staff is coordinating staff testing with National Guard assistance. All staff are already in full personal protective equipment and the warden has halted all inmate movement to prevent further transmission within the facility and to other facilities.

DOH testing of O’ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) inmates and staff is continuous. Of the 196 OCCC inmate test results received, four (4) were positive and 192 were negative. There are no OCCC inmates in the hospital. All 20 OCCC staff test results were negative. Additionally, 91% of PSD staff who tested positive for COVID-19 have recovered. Information on PSD’s planning and response to COVID-19 can be found at: <http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.

**Hawai’i Interagency Council on Homelessness:**

**Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic 3,400 People Move into Permanent Housing.**

If you see Honolulu’s iconic Aloha Tower bathed in purple this week, it’s to observe two important homelessness-related events: Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week and the statewide 2020 Homeless Awareness Virtual Conference.

“This week is a time to recognize the efforts of all who work so hard to end homelessness throughout the year,” said Scott Morishige, Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness. “Despite the adversity of the pandemic, our homelessness system has transitioned nearly 3,400

individuals into permanent housing between March and September. Our community is resilient and has pulled together to keep a focus on permanent housing and helping the most vulnerable among us.” Still, there are an estimated 6,458 homeless individuals statewide on any given night.

“2020 has been a difficult year for everyone in Hawai‘i, the United States, and around the world,” said Laura Thielen, executive director of Partners in Care. “Despite the pandemic, we have gotten food to our neighbors on our beaches and on our streets, we have housed those who have been homeless for years, and we have shown compassion to our community.”

“Despite a worldwide pandemic, we still saw the Aloha Spirit alive and well in Hawai‘i, where people didn’t hesitate to lend a helping hand to those in need,” said Brandee Menino, chief executive officer of HOPE Services Hawai‘i and chair of Bridging the Gap.

To find out more about Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week:

<https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/main/homelessness-awareness-week/>.

To find out more about the 2020 Homeless Awareness Virtual Conference: <https://honolulu.gov/housing/homelessness/svch/>

Read more: <https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/latest-news/hawaii-interagency-council-on-homelessness-news-release-aloha-tower-adorned-in-purple-in-recognition-of-hunger-homelessness-awareness-week/>

## Helpful Resources

**SAFE TRAVELS HAWAI'I QUICK FACTS**

**Domestic Trans-Pacific Travel**

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**14-Day Quarantine**

**To Bypass Quarantine:**

- Show proof of negative test result upon arrival or remain in quarantine until received
- Must take a nucleic acid amplification (NAAT) pre-travel test within 72 hours from the final leg of departure. The State of Hawai‘i will accept test results ONLY from TRUSTED TESTING AND TRAVEL PARTNERS.
- Applies to all passengers ages 5 and over; travelers pay for test
- Must complete Safe Travels Hawai‘i online form prior to arrival
- Or other exemption provided by the state
- Travelers arriving in Hawai‘i with pending test results will remain in quarantine until negative test results uploaded to the Safe Travels Hawai‘i account and Safe Travels Hawai‘i issues confirmation by email that traveler is removed from quarantine

**Second Test After Arrival**

<b>City and County of Honolulu</b> Not required	<b>County of Hawai‘i</b> Required at airport up to 25% without quarantine; free	<b>Maui County</b> Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free	<b>Kaua‘i County</b> Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free
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**Traveling Inter-Counties (between counties)**

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**14-Day Quarantine**

**To Bypass Quarantine:**

- Traveling into City and County of Honolulu**  
No test and no quarantine required
- Traveling into County of Hawai‘i**  
OPTION 1: Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic Trans-Pacific; OR  
OPTION 2: Post-arrival test in quarantine until negative test received and verified. May break quarantine to test.
- Traveling into Maui County**  
Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic Trans-Pacific
- Traveling into Kaua‘i County**  
Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic Trans-Pacific
- Or other exemption provided by the state or county

**International Trans-Pacific Travel**

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**14-Day Quarantine**

**To Bypass Quarantine:**

- Travelers from Japan**  
Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic Trans-Pacific
- Currently no other pre-travel test exemptions

**For more information, visit**  
**HawaiiCOVID19.com**  
**1-800-GOHAWAII**

Completing the state of Hawai‘i’s Safe Travels Hawai‘i program application form and obtaining your QR code(s) for Hawai‘i airport processing PRIOR TO departure will significantly reduce your arrival airport screening and processing time.

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# Trusted Testing and Travel Partners



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# State of Hawai'i: Inter-County Trusted Testing Partners



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## Safe Travels Hawai'i Program:

Program overview: <https://hawaiicovid19.com/travel/>

FAQs: <https://hawaiicovid19.com/travel/faqs/>

Email: [info@gohawaii.com](mailto:info@gohawaii.com)

Call Center Number: 1-800-GO-HAWAII

**COVID-19 Expanded Dashboard (Tables, Charts, and Visualizations):**

[HawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard](https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/dashboard)

**Safe Travels Digital Platform:**

<https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/travel/data/>

**Trans-Pacific Passenger Arrivals Statistics:**

<https://www.hawaiitourismauthority.org/covid-19-updates/trans-pacific-passenger-arrivals/>

**Kaua'i County:**

Kaua'i COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19>

To report violators: <https://www.kauai.gov/KPD-Online-Reporting>

Rest, Test, Enjoy! Voluntary visitor post-travel test: <https://www.kauai.gov/visitorposttest>

Resident post-travel test: <https://www.kauai.gov/residentposttest>

**Maui County:**

Maui County travel and COVID-19 information:

<https://www.mauicounty.gov>

To report violators: (808) 244-6400 or [mpdquarantine@mpd.net](mailto:mpdquarantine@mpd.net)

**Hawai'i County:**

Hawai'i County COVID-19 webpage:

<https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaii-county-gis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/travel>

Critical infrastructure and medical travel

request: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/e2f4ce19aa854964a8fd60bec7fbe78c>

To report violators: 808-935-3311

**City & County of Honolulu:**

Honolulu COVID-19 webpage: [oneoahu.org](https://oneoahu.org)

Interisland passengers arriving on O'ahu are not subject to the mandatory quarantine.

To report violators: 808-723-3900 or [HPDcovidenforce@honolulu.gov](mailto:HPDcovidenforce@honolulu.gov)

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