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Patrons of Tahiti Nui Restaurant on Kaua'i urged to test after COVID-19 exposure

LIHUE – The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) has identified a COVID-19 cluster of cases associated with Tahiti Nui restaurant in Hanalei on Kaua'i. The cluster is under investigation and to date consists of seven confirmed cases of individuals, including both restaurant workers and diners.

Anyone who visited the Tahiti Nui restaurant from Friday, July 30 through Wednesday, Aug. 4 may have been exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection and should be tested as soon as possible. Anyone who was exposed and has symptoms should seek healthcare and notify the healthcare provider of their exposure.

"The Tahiti Nui management has been extremely cooperative with our investigation and communication, including announcing possible exposures on their social media sites," said Dr. Janet Berreman, Kaua'i District Health Officer. "Mahalo to the restaurant and employees for their support and concern for our community. We are making this announcement today to reach as many patrons as quickly possible."

Masks are required indoors statewide, except when actively eating and drinking. This includes vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals and all restaurant workers.

Vaccination provides strong protection from severe disease and death, but in rare cases, people who are vaccinated can become infected and transmit disease to others. If you feel sick, get tested and stay home.

On Kaua'i, free community testing is available at the Convention Hall in Lihue, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Free testing is also available from the county's mobile testing van at

neighborhood centers throughout the week, on a rotating schedule. Finally, testing is available through your primary care physician, a hospital, or an urgent care clinic.

Vaccinations are widely available, free and effective. Information about vaccination and testing options on Kaua'i is available at www.kauai.gov/COVID-19.

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