

## Commercial Boating and Watersports Operation Restrictions

- I. **Applicability:** This applies to all commercial ocean operations permitted by the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR), and all commercial watersports activities in and on state waters.
  
- II. **Commercial vessel permittees can resume operations, provided that all of the following requirements are met:**
  - a. Social Distancing:
    - i. Where practical, when onboard a vessel, passengers and crewmembers shall wear cloth face coverings that comply with requirements set forth in applicable Proclamations.
    - ii. If possible, social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be maintained between individuals; if not possible, crewmembers and patrons must maintain as much social distancing as allowed on the vessel or contrivance, depending on its size and configuration. Passengers and crewmembers from the same household are not required to social distance from each other.
    - iii. Any food served must be in individually packaged servings; buffets shall be prohibited. Passengers may bring their own food and drinks onboard and keep it separate from the food and drink supplied by the host vessel.
    - iv. Passengers and crewmembers should not pass or share fishing rods or equipment, to the maximum extent possible.
    - v. Signage shall be posted at the company's place of business and on all company vessels to notify the public that any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may not enter the company's vessel(s).
  
  - b. Hygiene Protocols:
    - i. Crewmembers shall provide handwashing capability or sanitizer on the vessel.
    - ii. Frequent handwashing by employees, and an adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and paper towels must be available.
    - iii. Crewmembers and staff shall provide touch-point sanitization (e.g., workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms) at least hourly.
  
  - c. Staffing:
    - i. Vessel captains shall ensure crewmembers are trained in basic hygiene practices, such as frequent and thorough hand washing, respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes), and discourage crewmembers or passengers from using others' personal property, work tools, and equipment.
    - ii. Vessel captains shall conduct pre-shift staff screening and maintain staff screening logs.

- iii. No crewmembers displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may provide services to customers. Symptomatic or ill employees may not report to work.
  - iv. No crewmember may report to the work site within 72 hours of exhibiting a fever.
  - v. The company shall establish a plan for employees getting ill and a return-to-work plan following CDC guidance, which can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>.
- d. Cleaning and Disinfecting:
- i. Before passengers may enter a vessel for a commercial trip, staff must clean and disinfect the vessel in compliance with CDC protocols. Staff shall clean and disinfect company vessels in compliance with CDC protocols at least once between each commercial trip.
  - ii. When an active employee is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, CDC cleaning and disinfecting must be performed as soon after the confirmation of a positive test as practical.
  - iii. CDC protocols can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>.

**III. Commercial watersports permittees can resume operations, provided that all of the following requirements are met:**

- a. Social Distancing:
- i. Where practical, staff and patrons shall wear cloth face coverings that comply with requirements set forth in applicable Proclamations.
  - ii. If possible, social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be maintained between individuals; if not possible, staff and patrons must maintain as much social distancing as allowed on the vessel or contrivance, depending on its size and configuration. Passengers and crewmembers from the same household are not required to social distance from each other.
  - iii. Any food served must be in individually packaged servings; buffets shall be prohibited. Passengers may bring their own food and keep it separate from the food and drink supplied by the operator.
  - iv. Staff and patrons should not pass or share equipment, to the maximum extent possible.
  - v. Signage shall be posted at the place of business to notify the public that any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may not engage in any watersports activities.
- b. Hygiene Protocols:
- i. Staff shall provide handwashing capabilities or hand sanitizer.

- ii. Frequent handwashing by employees, and an adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and paper towels must be available.
  - iii. Staff shall provide touch-point sanitization (e.g. workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms) at least hourly.
- c. Staffing:
- i. Companies shall ensure that staff are trained in basic hygiene practices, such as frequent and thorough hand washing, respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes), and discourage staff and patrons from using others' personal property, work tools, and equipment.
  - ii. Companies must conduct pre-shift staff screening and maintain staff screening logs.
  - iii. No staff displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may provide services to patrons. Symptomatic or ill employees may not report to work.
  - iv. No staff may report to the work site within 72 hours of exhibiting a fever.
  - v. Companies must establish a plan for staff getting ill and a return-to-work plan following CDC guidance, which can be found online at:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>.
- d. Cleaning and Disinfecting:
- i. Staff shall clean and disinfect all watersports equipment at least once between patron use in compliance with CDC protocols. Companies shall not allow patrons to use watersports equipment without having first cleaned and disinfected the watersports equipment in compliance with CDC protocols.
  - ii. When an active staff member is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, CDC cleaning and disinfecting must be performed as soon after the confirmation of a positive test as practical.
  - iii. CDC protocols can be found online at:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>.