



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Via Email

August 6, 2020

Dr. Bruce Anderson
Department of Health
1250 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Public Health Data and Contact Tracing

Dear Dr. Anderson:

The House of Representatives agrees with the Department of Health (DOH) that in order to combat COVID-19, the general public must follow basic public health protocols: washing hands, wearing face masks, social distancing, and avoiding large crowds.

However, as COVID-19 cases increase, it is equally important that the general public be made aware of the circumstances behind the caseloads. We are not requesting that an individual's personal health information be disclosed. Rather, DOH must provide sufficient data that enables the general public to make sound decisions regarding personal and community health and safety. Such data may include:

- The date and location of transmission
- The type of activity or event where the transmission occurred
- Whether the infected individual may have infected others
- Whether the infected individual was masked or unmasked
- Whether the infected individual was symptomatic or asymptomatic

The narrative could be very simple, e.g., the asymptomatic, unmasked individual attended a graduation party at Lanikai Beach on Memorial Day with approximately 25 other unmasked individuals, 12 of whom subsequently tested positive possibly as a result of attending the event. (An example from the State of Missouri is enclosed for your information.)

As can be seen in the example, none of the requested information, when posted, will reveal the individual's name or personal health information. Rather, it will alert individuals who may have been within the vicinity of the event and also inform the public of the types of activities that may trigger an increased caseload. The information is meant to assist members of the public in understanding that their behavior will dictate whether we can overcome COVID-19.

The information requested above will also enable the state economic navigator and the medical community to determine the state's current public health risk level. The House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness assisted in the development of the public health risk matrix in March and April. The Administration has since adopted the matrix (see enclosures).

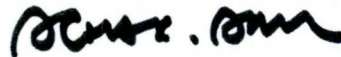
We also request that DOH increase its contact tracing capacity. Public and private reports of contract tracing capacity are contradictory. But as you know, the State must be prepared and able to instantaneously call upon contact tracing workers. We have worked to increase capacity with agencies such as the University of Hawaii School of Nursing and request that DOH employ these resources now.

I know you agree with us that all state agencies must take aggressive and concerted action now to contain COVID-19 and to avoid further shutdowns of our state.

Please provide a response to these requests on or before August 14, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker of the House

Enclosures

- Springfield, MO Health Department potential community exposure announcement: <https://www.springfieldmo.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=7147>
- Public Health Matrix

cc: Members of the House
Governor David Ige
Members, House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness

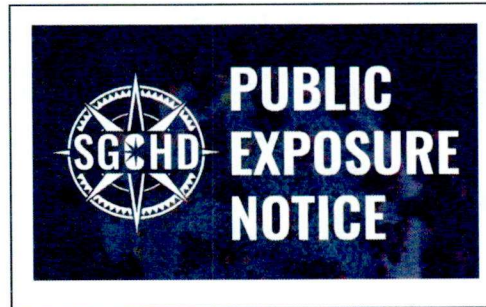
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July 16, 2020 - Health Department announces new COVID-19 cases, potential community exposures

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department reported 37 new positive COVID-19 cases today, bringing the total number of laboratory-confirmed cases to 646.

The health department is also notifying the public of potential community exposures from seven COVID-19 positive individuals.

Six cases reside in Greene County and one resides in another jurisdiction.



Prior to being diagnosed, the individuals went to the following locations:

- **Saturday, July 4: Visited Bear Village Apartments pool at 840 S Roanoke Ave from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and in the evening** (infectious but not symptomatic, not masked)
- **Monday, July 6: Visited HyVee at 1720 W Battlefield Rd from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** (infectious but not symptomatic, masked)
- **Monday, July 6: Visited Aldi at 421 E Battlefield Rd around 6:15 p.m. for about 15 minutes** (infectious but not symptomatic, masked)
- **Monday, July 6: Visited Walmart Supercenter at 3315 S Campbell Ave from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** (infectious but not symptomatic, masked)
- **Monday, July 6: Visited Braum's Ice Cream & Burger Restaurant at 2617 W Republic Rd around 7:20 p.m. for about 30 minutes** (infectious but not symptomatic, not masked)
- **Monday, July 6: Visited Food 4 Less at 313 E Battlefield Rd from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** (infectious but not symptomatic, not masked)
- **Tuesday, July 7: Visited Dollar Tree at 2759 W Republic Rd around 2:30 p.m. for about 20 minutes** (infectious but not symptomatic, not masked)
- **Wednesday, July 8: Visited Steak 'n Shake at 1158 E St Louis St from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** (infectious but not symptomatic, not masked)
- **Wednesday, July 8: Visited Mexican Villa West at 1100 W Sunshine St from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** (infectious and symptomatic, wore a mask upon arrival but took it off once inside)

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- **Wednesday, July 8: Visited Target at 1825 E Primrose St around 7:50 p.m. for about 20 minutes** (infectious and symptomatic, masked)
- **Thursday, July 9: Visited Target at 1825 E Primrose St around 3:10 p.m. for about 15 minutes** (infectious and symptomatic, masked)
- **Friday, July 10: Visited Harbell's at 315 Park Central West from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** (infectious and symptomatic, not masked)
- **Friday, July 10: Visited Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen at 1950 E Primrose St from 7-8 p.m.** (infectious but not symptomatic, not masked)
- **Saturday, July 11: Visited George's Family Restaurant at 339 S Glenstone Ave from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** (infectious but not symptomatic, not masked)
- **Saturday, July 11: Visited The Roost Bar & Grill at 4216 S Cox Rd from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** (infectious but not symptomatic, not masked)
- **Sunday, July 12: Visited Sam's Club at 3660 E Sunshine St from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** (infectious and symptomatic, not masked)
- **Sunday, July 12: Visited Walmart Neighborhood Market at 3720 E Sunshine St from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** (infectious and symptomatic, not masked)
- **Monday, July 13: Visited Cracker Barrel at 2858 N Glenstone Ave from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** (infectious but not symptomatic, not masked)
- **Tuesday, July 14: Visited Walmart Supercenter at 3315 S Campbell Ave from 10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.** (infectious and symptomatic, masked)
- **Tuesday, July 14: Visited Walmart Neighborhood Market at 444 W Grand St from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** (infectious but not symptomatic, masked)
- **Tuesday, July 14: Visited Walgreens at 1155 E St Louis St from 5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** (infectious and symptomatic, masked)

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Anyone who was at these locations on these dates is at low risk for contracting COVID-19, but should monitor for symptoms. There is no need to self-quarantine or isolate unless symptoms develop.

A timeline of all known potential community exposures in the last 21 days is available [here](#).

Beginning Thursday, July 16, everyone over the age of 11 in a public space in Springfield is required to wear a face covering, with limited exceptions. Specific information about the ordinance can be [found here](#).

For information on how to properly wear a face covering, [click here](#).

In addition to masking, we all need to practice physical distancing and proper hand hygiene. If someone is sick or thinks they may be sick, they need to stay home.

COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It spreads between people who are in close contact with one another.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If symptoms do develop, seek medical attention.

If you are sick, you can use virtual care options to seek medical treatment without exposing others to illness. Links are available at health.springfieldmo.gov/coronavirus.

For more information about COVID-19, visit our website at health.springfieldmo.gov/coronavirus.

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Inquiries from the public can be made by contacting the Health Department's call center at (417) 874-1211 or by email at coronavirus@springfieldmo.gov.

Please note that the contact number for media inquiries has changed. Media may now contact the Health Department PIO Team by phone at 417-380-2556 or email at kwall@springfieldmo.gov.

Springfield-Greene County Health Department

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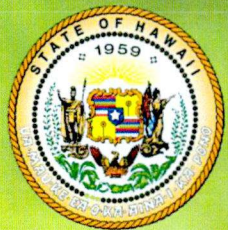
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Aug. 6, 2020 - Health Department announces COVID-19 death

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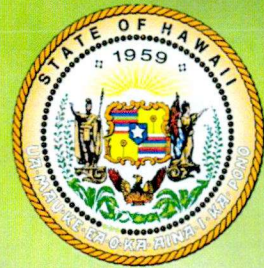
COVID-19 Health-based Community Response



HAWAII COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH RECOVERY TASK FORCE

IMPACT	HEALTH DETERMINANTS				RESPONSE	
	DISEASE ACTIVITY		CAPACITY			
	Severity	Prevalence	Healthcare Supply	Contact Tracing		Diagnostic Testing
STAY AT HOME (MAJOR DISRUPTION)	Number of new hospital cases threatens hospital capacity	Median number of new cases per day per week indicates uncontrolled community spread	Surge/crisis plans deployed and hospital capacity maxed out	Max capacity of contact tracing is below the number of new cases/close contacts per day	Max capacity of testing is below the number of new cases/close contacts per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Practices Essential activities and their support services Prepare to resume low-risk activities
SAFER AT HOME (MODERATE DISRUPTION)	Number of new hospital cases requires consideration of hospital surge/crisis plans	Median number of new cases per day per week indicates controlled community spread	Surge/crisis plans considered and hospitals can increase capacity by at least 10% within 5 days	80-100% of max capacity of contact tracing would be reached at current rate of new cases/close contacts per day	80-100% of max capacity of testing would be reached at current rate of new cases/close contacts per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue above Resume low-risk activities Prepare to resume medium to high-risk activities
ACT WITH CARE (MINOR DISRUPTION)	Number of new hospital cases requires preparation of hospital surge/crisis plans	Median number of new cases per day per week indicates local, controlled clusters	Surge/crisis plans in preparation and hospitals can increase capacity by at least 25% within 5 days	50-80% of max capacity of contact tracing would be reached at current rate of new cases/close contacts per day	50-80% of max capacity of testing would be reached at current rate of new cases/close contacts per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue above Start with medium-risk activities; then move to high-risk activities Prepare to resume highest risk activities
RECOVERY (MINIMAL DISRUPTION)	Number of new hospital cases is managed within normal hospital capacity	Median number of new cases per day per week indicates sporadic activity	Surge/crisis plans in place and hospitals can increase capacity by at least 50% within 5 days	<50% of max capacity of contact tracing would be reached at current rate of new cases/close contacts per day	<50% of max capacity of testing would be reached at current rate of new cases/close contacts per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue above Resume highest-risk activities
NEW NORMAL (NO DISRUPTION)						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue above Adjust Safe Practices to new normal

Hawaii COVID-19 Community-Based Risk Model



HAWAII COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH RECOVERY TASK FORCE

RISK LEVEL	PUBLIC HEALTH DETERMINANTS			RESPONSE
RISK LEVEL 4 STAY AT HOME (MAJOR DISRUPTION)	CONTAGIOUSNESS OF THE DISEASE	ECOSYSTEM DEMAND	HEALTH CARE SUPPLY	STAY AT HOME Highest level of restrictions to limit all people movement and contact to avoid community transmission and outbreak.
RISK LEVEL 3 TARGETED REOPEN (MODERATE DISRUPTION)	KEY METRICS: • Rate of Transmission of COVID-19	KEY METRICS: • Rate of New Cases Per Day • Active Cases Per Total Beds	KEY METRICS: • Health System Capacity • Capacity for Testing, Contact Tracing and Monitoring	TARGETED REOPEN Added restrictions on activities, workplaces and travel to address high risk of transmission within the state. Enforceable under law.
RISK LEVEL 2 REOPEN (MINOR DISRUPTION)				REOPEN Physical (social) distancing and restrictions on leisure and social activities to address sporadic cases or clusters in regions/counties.
RISK LEVEL 1 RECOVERY (MINIMAL DISRUPTION)				RECOVERY Minimize impact and spread of disease. Population prepared for alert level increase with 48-hr notice.
RISK LEVEL 0 NEW NORMAL (NO DISRUPTION)				NEW NORMAL Vaccine developed and readily available.

* Escalating risk level requires 48-72 hour public notice. De-escalating risk level requires a minimum 10-14 day transition period.