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Hawai'i State DOH Kaua'i District Health Office announces fatality and 84 new cases of COVID-19 on Feb. 8

LĪHU'E – The Hawai'i State Department of Health Kaua'i District Health Office announced a fatality and 84 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The fatality was a male resident in his 70s who was hospitalized. There are a total of 20 Kaua'i COVID fatalities to date.

“We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of this resident,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. “We offer our thoughts and prayers to this individual’s loved ones during this difficult time.”

Today’s cases bring the number of active cases to 389, with nine hospitalized, and 11,203 cumulative cases. Kaua'i’s cumulative case count includes 11,124 confirmed locally, eight probable, and 71 positive cases diagnosed elsewhere, as they received their pre-travel test results after arriving on island.

More detailed information on new cases is available on the Hawai'i State Department of Health’s COVID-19 data dashboard. To view the dashboard, visit <https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/current-situation-in-hawaii/>.

For more information on the county’s COVID-19 response, visit www.kauai.gov/COVID-19.

DOH case investigation and contact tracing:

Due to the high volume of cases, the Department of Health case investigators will generally contact you several days after you receive a positive test. With the shortened isolation period, in some instances, case investigators will not be able to reach you before the end of your isolation period. As soon as you receive a positive result, you should isolate at home and notify your close contacts and workplace or school. Do not wait to hear from a case investigator. Isolation and quarantine guidance are available at the DOH website: [Home-Isolation-and-Quarantine-Guidance.pdf \(hawaii.gov\)](#).

For information about isolation and quarantine, visit the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>.

Vaccine and Testing:

Free vaccination is offered islandwide. Vaccinations are available to anyone 5 years of age or older and are free, safe, and effective. For details on the vaccination sites, visit www.kauai.gov/vaccine.

Free testing is also available islandwide. For a full list of testing sites and more details, visit www.kauai.gov/covidtest.

Please note that the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention COVID Testing Center is no longer running out of tickets for testing by 9 a.m. Tests are available for the public. Upon arrival at the test center, you will receive an appointment time to return later in the day. Appointments are given on a first-come, first-served basis. You must wait until your ticketed time to be tested.

The Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall testing center is limited to 500 tests per day, and the free mobile testing van is limited to 100 tests per day.

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