



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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#### **Mayor Kawakami to announce enhanced efforts to combat COVID-19 in response to anticipated new authority from Governor Ige on Monday; Stay-at-Home requirements likely for all residents**

LĪHU'E – Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami, in consultation with Governor David Ige and the mayors of the other islands, expects to refine our county's response to the COVID-19 outbreak very shortly.

We continue to have no evidence of community spread of the disease on Kaua'i.

Each of the counties is independently developing responses, but working in close collaboration with each other, with state Department of Health authorities, emergency management leadership and the Governor's Office.

Details of the Kaua'i Stay at Home program will be released on Monday, March 23. On rural Kaua'i, we already have a robust response platform in place, with limitations on public gatherings as well as night-time curfews. Mayor Kawakami is waiting for full authority from the governor to enact a coordinated response in order to fine tune our protections.

Under the expected guidance from the state, Kaua'i residents will be asked to stay at home and work from home, to reduce the chance of catching or spreading this disease. We hope to keep a lid on the virus, and allow time to restock critically short



supplies of masks, ventilators and other medical gear, including personal protective equipment for our first responders.

All travel will be prohibited unless for it is for critical health and safety purposes, shopping for food or other important consumer products. This anticipated order exempts those doing work that provides essential products. First responders, health care facilities, banks, gas stations, farming and fishing, hardware stores, delivery services, professional services, restaurants doing delivery and carryout services, and critical trades are among those that will keep operating.

Kaua`i residents could engage in outdoor activities, like walking, running, surfing and other healthy outdoor activities, but are urged always to maintain six-foot social distancing.

Mayor Kawakami wishes to convey his sincere mahalo to Kaua`i's legislative delegation, and the Kaua`i County Council for their active coordination and support with the administration's COVID-19 ongoing efforts.

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