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Mayor Kawakami signs Emergency Rule #5, implementing local guidance to Governor Ige's Stay-at-Home Order

LĪHU`E— Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami announced Mayor's Emergency Rule #5, which is "Kaua'i's Rules," further implementing Governor David Ige's statewide Stay-at-Home Order. This Rule goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, and will be in place until April 30. It may be amended or extended, if circumstances change.

The action is needed in the face of the expanding COVID-19 threat.

"We need self discipline and self restraint," Mayor Kawakami said. "The more we move and the more we mix socially, the more this virus moves and advances into our homes and our community. We need everyone to understand that we are sheltering ourselves from COVID-19 and buying time to be able to identify it, isolate it, and further flatten the curve."

The intent of this Rule is for people to stay at home with very limited exceptions, such as seeking medical attention, purchasing food or medications, and other essential needs only.

If at all possible, businesses should operate remotely, and employees should telework. Those businesses that cannot operate remotely will be limited to essential services only, such as those that provide for health, safety, food, utilities, and/or manufacture, sell, or deliver supplies and services necessary for household consumption.

This Rule is in addition all other Mayor's Emergency Rules, such as the nightly curfew which remains in place from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.



“All of the steps that we have taken have been effective to fight against COVID-19,” added Mayor Kawakami. “We have visible decrease in traffic on our roadways, social gatherings, and calls for emergency service. I want to thank all of you for your cooperation in our joint efforts. But this is an ongoing battle. Above all else, it should be our shared goal to stop the spread of COVID-19 on our island, to keep our health care system from being overwhelmed, and to keep our people safe.”

To view Mayor’s Emergency Rule #5, or for more information on COVID-19 efforts on Kaua’i, please visit www.kauai.gov/COVID-19.

For more information on the Center for Disease Control’s COVID-19 guidelines, please visit www.coronavirus.gov.

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