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### **Hawai'i State DOH Kaua'i District Health Office announces fatality and 288 new cases of COVID-19 on Jan. 7**

LĪHU'E – The Hawai'i State Department of Health Kaua'i District Health Office announced a fatality and 288 new cases of COVID-19 on Friday, Jan. 7.

The fatality was a male resident in his 40s who was not hospitalized. There are a total of 19 Kaua'i COVID fatalities to date.

"Every fatality that we announce is heartbreaking, but this individual was someone I called a friend," said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. "There are no words that can fully express the grief we feel when someone we love passes. To his family, friends, co-workers, and our entire community, our hearts and prayers are with you all."

Today's cases bring the number of active cases to 941, with six hospitalized, and 5,256 cumulative cases. Kaua'i's cumulative case count includes 5,180 confirmed locally, eight probable, and 68 positive cases diagnosed elsewhere – which includes one of today's cases, 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](http://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19).

**DOH contact tracing:**

Due to the high volume of cases, it may take the Department of Health case investigators and contact tracers a few days to contact you after you've received a positive test.

If you test positive for COVID-19, isolate yourself at home immediately and notify your close contacts. For more information and guidance for COVID-19 cases and close contacts, visit <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Summary-Guidance-for-COVID-19-Cases-and-Contacts.pdf>.

**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](http://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](http://www.kauai.gov/covidtest). Please note that that the Kua'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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