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Hawai'i State DOH Kaua'i District Health Office announces two fatalities and 39 new cases of COVID-19 on Feb. 18

LĪHU'E – The Hawai'i State Department of Health Kaua'i District Health Office announced two fatalities and 39 new cases of COVID-19 on Friday, Feb. 18.

One fatality was a male resident in his 60s who was hospitalized. The second fatality was a female resident in her 70s who was hospitalized. Kaua'i has a total of 26 COVID fatalities to date.

"It's with a heavy heart to announce two more fatalities from COVID-19. We extend our sincere condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of these individuals," said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. "We are also grateful to our healthcare workers who have been at the forefront in response to this disease, and who continue to provide excellent care for our entire community. We thank you for your service, compassion, and aloha."

Today's cases bring the number of active cases to 147, with 3 hospitalized, and 11,687 cumulative cases. Kaua'i's cumulative case count includes 11,607 confirmed locally, eight probable, and 72 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.

DOH case investigation and contact tracing:

The Department of Health case investigators will generally contact you within a day or two of receiving your positive test result. 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.

In observance of the Presidents' Day holiday, the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention COVID Testing Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21. The testing center will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 22.

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.

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