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Emergency order limits gathering sizes and restaurant capacity on Kaua‘i

LĪHU‘E — A new statewide emergency order includes new limits on gathering sizes and restaurant capacity in the County of Kaua‘i.

“On Tuesday, we announced 55 new cases on Kaua‘i – by far the most cases we’ve reported in a single day,” said Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami. “It is clear that we must work together to mitigate this current spread of COVID-19 and help to protect our young keiki, who are not yet eligible for vaccines.”

Governor David Ige signed the order as the highly contagious Delta variant continues to spread at an alarming rate across Hawai‘i. Last week alone, the Kaua‘i District Health Office confirmed 95 cases of COVID-19 on Kaua‘i, including 25 children.

Effective immediately, social gatherings are limited to 25 people outdoors and 10 people indoors.

Restaurants, bars, and social establishments remain open, with indoor capacity set at 50%. Patrons must be seated with their party, six feet distancing must be maintained between groups, no mingling is allowed, and masks must be worn at all times except when actively eating or drinking.

Gyms, fitness facilities, indoor exercise classes, and other high-risk indoor activities are also limited to 50% capacity, with masks required.

Parks, beaches, trails, campgrounds, pools, shooting and archery ranges, pools, and golf courses remain open with social gathering limit of 25 people.
The County’s COVID website now includes a web portal for event organizers to submit their operational plans to the county for review. The governor’s order requires counties to ensure appropriate safe practices will be implemented during events. Safety measures may include requiring patrons to provide proof of vaccination and/or a negative test result. No professionally organized event over 50 people can take place without county review of the event.

These changes are in effect immediately after Gov. David Ige signed Executive Order No. 21-05 on August 10, 2021. To view the Governor’s Order visit http://governor.hawaii.gov/.

For professionally organized events over 50 people, please submit your event information by visiting https://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19 and clicking on "Professionally Organized Events."

“We continue to urge anyone who is eligible to get your vaccine today,” added Mayor Kawakami.

Vaccines are widely available for those ages 12 and older. To view a list of vaccine clinics, please visit www.kauai.gov/vaccine.

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