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Mayor Kawakami supports Gov. Ige's 14-day mandatory quarantine for the State of Hawai'i

LĪHU'E – Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami expressed his support for Governor David Ige's decision to enact a 14-day quarantine for anyone arriving from outside the state.

Under the Governor's order, any individual who arrives from international areas or the continental U.S. will be subject to a two-week quarantine. It applies to all travelers, whether Hawai'i resident or visitor, and regardless of the mode of travel.

Kaua'i has been eagerly awaiting this action and will join the rest of the state in enacting this 14-day quarantine for anyone entering the state. This quarantine is being enacted to minimize the spread of COVID-19 on our island. It starts at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, and remains in effect at least through April 30.

Effective March 26, anyone arriving on the island is asked to go immediately to the location where they will remain for 14 days.

Both traveling residents and visitors are included in the quarantine order as all pose a risk to our community if infected. Most of Hawai'i's identified cases of COVID-19 (80 percent as of Saturday) are Hawai'i residents who were infected while traveling.

Mayor Kawakami said the county fully supports the state's traveler quarantine. However, realizing that as each day that goes by more and more cases are being confirmed positive, and



he has asked all hotel and lodging accommodations to have their guests stay within the boundaries of their property while visiting the island.

In a letter written to the visitor industry, Kawakami stated, "I am writing to you today to personally ask for your assistance in requiring your guests to stay on your property." He went on to say in his letter, "We are all responsible for taking care of this island and her people, and you have a huge role to play in our unified flight to protect this island, her kupuna, and those who are vulnerable."

Here is some additional information on how the quarantine will work:

Q. What does quarantine mean?

A. Here is how the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and prevention defines it.

"Quarantine in general means the separation of a person or group of people reasonably believed to have been exposed to a communicable disease but not yet symptomatic, from others who have not been so exposed, to prevent the possible spread of the communicable disease."

Q. What should travelers expect to do?

A. Recent travelers, if they are visitors, must remain within their hotel rooms, and not travel elsewhere on resort grounds or anywhere on the island. It is okay to go out on a private lanai. Residents should remain within limited portions of their homes, excluding others from those portions to avoid infecting household members. You can go out into your yard. Do not go to public places such as work, school, shopping centers, childcare or local attractions. Do not use shared facilities such as pools, spas, gyms, restaurants, or bars.

Q. Are my family members under quarantine too?

A. If you have no symptoms, others that live with you do not need to self-quarantine unless they also travelled out of the state in the last 14 days. However, if you develop symptoms and are suspected to have COVID-19, they will be classified as close contacts and will need to be quarantined.

Q. Are there different standards for people who are actually infected?

A. Quarantine is a lower standard than isolation, which is used for those who are confirmed as infected or potentially infectious.

Q. What do I do if I get sick?

A. Call your doctor for an urgent assessment if you develop symptoms within 14 days of arriving in Hawai`i. If you have a medical emergency, call 911 for assistance and tell them that you are under quarantine.

Q. What if a visitor under quarantine wants to leave the island?

A. You can leave the island while under quarantine. Please do not use public transit. Go directly to the airport. Wear a mask to protect others.

Q. What if I must go out?

A. It is permissible to leave if needed for medical attention only. Please wear a mask to protect people around you.

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