Vaccine appointments now available for Kaua’i residents age 60 and over, all essential workers age 16 and over

Longs expand appointments to locations in ‘Ele’ele and Kōloa

Health officials urge all travel industry, restaurant, and bar workers to schedule an appointment

The County of Kaua’i is informing residents that vaccine eligibility expanded again this week. Most residents are now eligible, and appointments are available.

Appointments are open for all essential workers aged 16 and over, all residents aged 60 and over, and those 16 and over with high-risk medical conditions, including individuals on dialysis, people with severe respiratory disease who are on oxygen, and those on oxygen undergoing chemotherapy or other infusion therapy.

All essential workers now qualify. This includes those working in the following industries:

- restaurants
- grocery stores
- agricultural workers (farmers, ranchers, fishermen)
- logistics/transportation
- hardware stores/construction
- real estate
- law
- finance
- IT
- communications
- energy
- media
- public health
- visitor industry
- hotels
- cleaning/sanitation
- gyms/fitness centers
- beauty salons
- nail salons
- car dealerships
- auto shops

If you’re not sure whether you qualify, please complete the survey at kauai.gov/vaccine.

Longs/CVS began scheduling appointments at two additional locations: in ‘Ele’ele and Kōloa, in addition to an existing clinic at Longs Kapaa. Appointments are also available at Wilcox Medical Center,
Kaua‘i Veterans Memorial Hospital (KVMH), Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital, and the Department of Health Clinic at the War Memorial Convention Hall.

**To make an appointment, please visit** kauai.gov/vaccine.

Health officials are urging all travel industry, restaurant, and bar employees to schedule an appointment before Kauai rejoins the Safe Travels program for Trans-Pacific travel on April 5.

“We know that pre-travel testing does not catch every case, and as travel increases, new cases will be introduced,” said Dr. Janet Berreman, M.D. Kauai District Health Officer. “We are urging everyone who has direct contact with travelers to schedule a vaccine appointment now. All essential workers on Kaua‘i are now eligible. The more members of our community who are vaccinated, the more protected we will all be from community spread of COVID-19.”

All three vaccines approved for emergency use by the FDA are now available on Kaua‘i. Shipments of the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine are currently limited, but availability is expected to increase. Patients will select two appointments if they are receiving either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or a single appointment if they are receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. If you are receiving a two-dose vaccine, please make both appointments at the same location to ensure you receive the same vaccine.

Visitors to Kaua‘i are NOT eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine. Supply is for residents only.

The Kaua‘i District Health Office continues to offer free same-day COVID-19 testing weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the War Memorial Convention Hall. Free testing is available to everyone on Kaua‘i, residents and visitors. No appointment is needed. For more information, visit kauai.gov/COVIDtest. This test cannot be used for Safe Travels pre-travel test requirements.

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