Kauaʻi Department of Health announces one new travel related case of COVID-19

LĪHU‘E – The Kauaʻi District Health Office reported one new positive case of COVID-19 on Monday, Nov. 16, related to a traveler who participated in the state’s Safe Travels program.

The new case is a female visitor who traveled from the mainland. The woman took a pre-travel test, but received her positive test result after arrival. She is in isolation and close contacts are being identified, directed to quarantine, and offered testing. The investigation is ongoing.

This is the ninth confirmed case of a traveler who participated in the state’s pre-travel program, but did not receive a positive test result until after arrival.

Our total number of active, on-island cases is 13. Two cases are in the hospital and all are in isolation. There are 66 close contacts of positive cases who are in Health Department-directed quarantine. The cumulative Kauaʻi case count is now 92, including one probable and nine positive cases diagnosed elsewhere, since they had positive tests taken on the mainland but results were not received until they were on Kauaʻi.

Kauaʻi County's guidelines for COVID-19 response currently remains at Tier 4, the least restrictive level. That average is being closely monitored in the event Kauaʻi must move tiers.
“Our goal is to remain in Tier 4, but that will not be possible if we continue on this track,” warned Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami. “Kaua’i’s Incident Management Team will be proposing new local rules in an effort to reduce our number of travel-related cases.”

For more information on tier levels and to view the current daily average, please visit kauai.gov/COVID-19.

For more information on the state’s COVID-19 cases or the state’s Safe Travels program, visit hawaiicovid19.com.

For more information on the county’s voluntary post-travel testing program, visit kauai.gov/COVID-19. For more information on the county’s new surge testing program, visit kauai.gov/test.

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