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Kaua‘i Department of Health announces five new cases of COVID-19

LĪHU‘E — The Kaua‘i District Health Office reported five new cases of COVID-19 on Friday, two adult residents and three adult visitors.

Four of the cases are travel-related and one appears to be community acquired. One of the travelers had taken a pre-travel test but did not receive the positive test report until after arriving on Kaua‘i. One of the cases was identified from a test taken during Sunday’s county surge testing in Kapa‘a. That test result was confirmed by the laboratory today.

The island now has 16 confirmed active cases, all in isolation. Two are hospitalized. Close contacts are being identified, directed to quarantine and offered testing. Investigations continue, and 95 individuals are now in health department-directed quarantine.

Kaua‘i has a cumulative case count of 104, of which 92 are confirmed locally, one is a probable case, and 11 are positive cases that were diagnosed elsewhere—with tests taken on the mainland whose positive results did not arrive until they were on Kaua‘i.

The County of Kaua‘i is currently in Tier 4, the lowest tier on Kaua‘i’s Business and Recreational Guidelines for COVID-19 Tier Tracker. If cases remain above a weekly average of two per day for two weeks, or test positivity remains above a weekly average of 1% for two weeks, we will move tiers, which would increase restrictions.

With Friday’s cases, the seven-day average of daily cases on Kauai is 2.0, and the test positivity rate is 1.1%, which is above the Tier 4 threshold. Should this average continue, we will move
tiers by the first week of December. Updates on tier movement will be provided as information becomes available.

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 surge testing program, visit kauai.gov/test.

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