Officials announce new permit requirements for county park pavilions

LĪHU‘E – In accordance with Mayor’s Emergency Rule 28, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DOPR) has changed its permit requirements for county park pavilions. All existing and new permit holders must adhere to the following changes.

The following large pavilions may now hold a maximum of 100 attendees: Wailua Houselots Park Pavilion; Lydgate Beach Park Large Pavilion; Hanamāʻulu Beach Park Pavilion; Niumalu Park Pavilion; Poʻipū Beach Park Main Pavilion; and Salt Pond Beach Park Main Pavilion.

Any event at these large pavilions wishing to exceed 100 people must adhere to the guidelines on the DOPR website and submit a request through its online portal at [https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Parks-Recreation/Permitting/Pavilions](https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Parks-Recreation/Permitting/Pavilions).

Events that exceed 100 people will require an event organizer tasked to ensure that all attendees are either fully vaccinated or have proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 24 hours of the start of the event. Organizers must also maintain contact information of all attendees, along with vaccination and test records, and provide a COVID-19 Safety Plan that includes procedures for maintaining CDC Guidelines. Failure to follow these requirements may result in a $250 fine for individuals or a $500 fine for an event organizer or business found to be in violation.

For all permitted pavilions not listed above, including smaller pavilions, the maximum number of attendees remains at 25 people, due to site restrictions.
A notification of these changes has also been sent to all existing permit holders through the DOPR’s online portal.

Additionally, officials are now allowing the use of amusement equipment at the larger pavilions. All equipment must be provided and managed by a vendor who is permitted through DOPR. Vendors must be approved at least 15 days prior to the event. Further requirements for amusement equipment are detailed on the permit application via [http://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Parks-Recreation/Permitting/Commercial-Activity](http://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Parks-Recreation/Permitting/Commercial-Activity).

Mayor’s Emergency Rule 28, which took effect Dec. 1, increases social gathering limits and maintains COVID-19 protocols for professionally organized events. The new rule limits social gatherings to 40 indoors and 100 outdoors, with additional requirements for gatherings over these limits. To view Mayor’s Emergency Rule 28, please visit [www.kauai.gov/covid-19](http://www.kauai.gov/covid-19).

For more information on permit requirements for park pavilions, please call 808-241-4458 or email [recpermits@kauai.gov](mailto:recpermits@kauai.gov)

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