Mayor’s Emergency Rule #20

Purpose

Pursuant to Section V of Governor David Y. Ige’s Fourteenth Proclamation (hereinafter the “Governor’s Proclamation”), counties are authorized to adopt a negative test exception to the County Travel Quarantine.

This rule adopts a negative test exception for the County of Kaua‘i. The negative test exception for the County of Kaua‘i will follow the same rules and procedures of the Trans-Pacific pre-travel testing program and will be integrated into the Safe Travels Program.

There will be two new terms in addition to the pre-travel testing program requirements. First, interisland travelers cannot use a test administered in the County of Kaua‘i for this program. This is to ensure that travelers do not take a test prior to any possible exposure to COVID-19 during their trip.

Second, travelers must take one test per trip. Travelers cannot make multiple trips to and from the County of Kaua‘i in a 72-hour period if they have submitted results for only one test. This is to provide additional protection from high risk activities.

Rule

The County of Kaua‘i adopts a negative test exception to the County Travel Quarantine pursuant to Section V of the Governor’s Proclamation. This negative test exception shall be integrated into the State’s Safe Travels Program and shall follow the terms of the negative test exception for travelers entering the State described in Section IV.B.2 and Exhibit B of the Governor’s Proclamation. Two additional terms shall apply:

- Tests administered within the County of Kaua‘i shall not meet the requirement of an approved COVID-19 test for purposes of the negative test exception.
- If a traveler has made one or more trips to and from the County of Kaua‘i after a test is administered, then that test shall not meet the requirement of an approved COVID-19 test for purposes of the negative test exception.

Test results must be uploaded into the State’s Safe Travels system and clearance upon arrival at a County of Kaua‘i port-of-entry shall be conducted in accordance with the same protocols for travelers entering the State.

If the seven-day average number of daily COVID-19 cases reported in the County of Kaua‘i reaches five or more for one week as confirmed by the Kaua‘i District Health Officer, the county shall submit a rule, as set forth in Section I and Section V of the Governor’s Proclamation, effectuating revocation of the negative test exception to the County Travel Quarantine. Upon the effective date set forth in the rule, travelers to the County of Kaua‘i, without a valid exemption from the State, shall be required to enter into mandatory 14-day self-quarantine.
This rule has the force and effect of law. Violation of this rule is a misdemeanor, subject to penalty per HRS § 127A-29.

**Penalty per HRS § 127A-29**

Any person violating any rule of the governor or mayor prescribed and promulgated pursuant to this chapter and having the force and effect of law, shall, if it shall be so stated in the rule, be guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, the person shall be fined not more than $5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

**Term:**

Effective October 15, 2020, subject to modification.

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