



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I**

**DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Mayor's Emergency Rule #23

Purpose

Governor David Y. Ige's Sixteenth Proclamation (hereinafter the "Governor's Proclamation") allows negative test exceptions to mandatory self-quarantine for persons entering the state and for inter-county travel, including the Safe Travels pre-travel testing program.

The County had originally described in Mayor's Emergency Rules #19 and #20 that it would submit a rule to revoke the pre-travel testing program for Kaua'i if the seven-day average number of daily new COVID-19 cases reported reached five or more for one week.

Kaua'i's recent experience has presented the County with a different situation in regard to the spread of COVID-19. The County's cumulative total COVID-19 case count has doubled in the six weeks since October 15, 2020, when travel restrictions were eased. In this recent escalation of cases, approximately 80 percent have been from individuals who traveled outside Kaua'i. The County developed the tier system in Mayor's Emergency Rule #19 to mitigate the community transmission of COVID-19 on Kaua'i by addressing indoor and outdoor social gatherings, businesses, operations, and activities. However, the County finds that these interventions do not directly affect rising COVID-19 case counts related to travel.

As travel-related cases continue to rise sharply on Kaua'i, the County is at risk for greater spread through resulting community transmission. Without addressing travel, the County is unable to mitigate the community spread of disease on the island. Thus, to add an additional targeted layer of protection for the County, the mandatory 14 day self-quarantine for travelers is reinstated as a measure to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Rule

This rule is in accordance with the Governor's Proclamation, and adopted pursuant to HRS § 127A-25. This rule has the force and effect of law.

The negative test exception described in the Section IV.B.2 and Exhibit B of the Governor's Proclamation shall not be in effect for any travelers entering the County of Kaua'i. Travelers to the State entering into the County of Kaua'i, without a valid exemption from the State, shall be required to enter into mandatory 14-day self-quarantine pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation. This rule supersedes Section IV.B.2 and Exhibit B of the Governor's Proclamation to the limited extent necessary to ensure the operation of this rule.

The County of Kaua'i shall not have a negative test exception to the Intercounty Travel Quarantine pursuant to Section V of Governor's Proclamation. Intercounty travelers to the County of Kaua'i, without a valid exemption from the State or the County, shall be required to enter into mandatory 14-day self-quarantine pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation. This rule supersedes Mayor's Emergency Rule #19 to the limited extent necessary to ensure the operation of this rule, and supersedes and repeals Mayor's Emergency Rule #20.



Term

Effective December 2, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. subject to modification.



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