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Hawai'i State DOH Kaua'i District Health Office announces 173 new cases of COVID-19 on Jan. 2

LĪHU'E – The Hawai'i State Department of Health Kaua'i District Health Office announced 173 new cases of COVID-19 on Sun, Jan. 2. This case count includes cases that weren't reported Saturday, Jan. 1, due to the New Year's Day holiday.

Today's cases bring the number of active cases to 650, with five hospitalized, and 4,332 cumulative cases. Kaua'i's cumulative case count includes 4,263 confirmed locally, eight probable, and 61 positive cases diagnosed elsewhere, as they received their pre-travel test results after arriving on island.

Due to the increase in cases, the Kaua'i District Health Office has shifted to a simplified daily case update consisting of total new case counts only. More detailed information on new cases will continue to be available on the Hawai'i State Department of Health's COVID-19 data dashboard. To view the dashboard, visit <u>https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/current-situation-in-hawaii/</u>.

For more information on the county's COVID-19 response, visit <u>www.kauai.gov/COVID-19</u>.

DOH contact tracing:

Due to the high volume of cases, it may take the Department of Health case investigators and contact tracers a few days to contact you after you've received a positive test.

If you test positive for COVID-19, isolate yourself at home immediately and notify your close contacts. For more information and guidance for COVID-19 cases and close contacts,

visit <u>https://hawaiicovid19.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Summary-Guidance-for-COVID-19-Cases-and-Contacts.pdf</u>.

Vaccine and Testing:

Free vaccination and testing are offered islandwide. Vaccinations are available to anyone 5 years

of age or older and are free, safe, and effective. For details on the vaccination sites,

visit <u>www.kauai.gov/vaccine</u>. For a list of testing sites and more details, visit <u>www.kauai.gov/covidtest</u>.

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