

**News Release** 

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Hawai'i State DOH Kaua'i District Health Office announces 18 new cases of COVID-19 on Feb. 15

LĪHU'E – The Hawai'i State Department of Health Kaua'i District Health Office announced 18 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Today's cases bring the number of active cases to 151, with eight hospitalized, and 11,566 cumulative cases. Kaua'i's cumulative case count includes 11,487 confirmed locally, eight probable, and 71 positive cases diagnosed elsewhere, as they received their pre-travel test results after arriving on island.

"Due to correction of electronic laboratory result reporting lags, statewide numbers for Kaua'i are higher each day than KDHO numbers," said Dr. Janet Berreman, Kaua'i District Health Officer. "The KDHO received timely notification of these cases and completed case investigations in a timely fashion. These cases were already reported in the daily County press releases, as they were reported to KDHO."

More detailed information on new cases is available on the Hawai'i State Department of Health's COVID-19 data dashboard. To view the dashboard,

visit <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/current-situation-in-hawaii/">https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/current-situation-in-hawaii/</a>.

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

**DOH case investigation and contact tracing:** 

The Department of Health case investigators will generally contact you several days after you receive a positive test. With the shortened isolation period, in some instances, case investigators will not be able to reach you before the end of your isolation period. As soon as you receive a positive result, you should isolate at home and notify your close contacts and workplace or school. Do not wait to hear from a case investigator. Isolation and quarantine guidance are available at the DOH website: <a href="Home-lsolation-and-Quarantine-Guidance.pdf">Home-lsolation-and-Quarantine-Guidance.pdf</a> (hawaii.gov).

For information about isolation and quarantine, visit the CDC's website at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html</a>.

## **Vaccine and Testing:**

Free vaccination is 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 <a href="www.kauai.gov/vaccine">www.kauai.gov/vaccine</a>.

Free testing is also available islandwide. For a full list of testing sites and more details, visit <a href="https://www.kauai.gov/covidtest">www.kauai.gov/covidtest</a>.

In observance of the Presidents' Day holiday, the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention COVID

Testing Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21. The testing center will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 22

Please note that the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention COVID Testing Center is no longer running out of tickets for testing by 9 a.m. Tests are available for the public. Upon arrival at the test center, you will receive an appointment time to return later in the day. Appointments are given on a first-come, first-served basis. You must wait until your ticketed time to be tested.

The Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall testing center is limited to 500 tests per day, and the free mobile testing van is limited to 100 tests per day.

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