COVID-19 REPORT HAWAII

December 2 2020



INCOMING ARRIVALS TO HAWAII (excluding Kauai arrivals*):

• Arriving from US:

Arrivals may bypass the state's mandatory 14-day quarantine with a negative covid-19 test result prior to flight departure.

• Arriving from Japan:

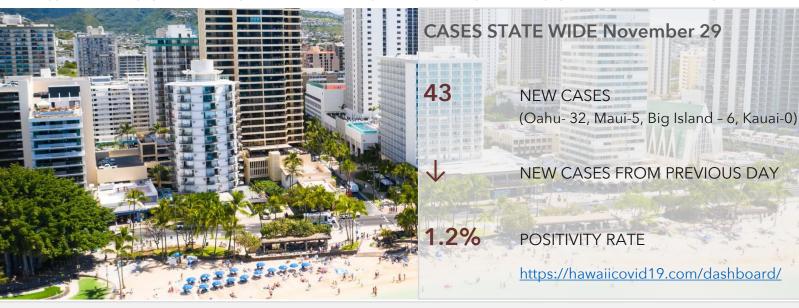
Same requirements as arrivals from US.

Japanese nationals traveling abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine upon their return to Japan.

• Arriving from Canada:

Beginning in mid-December, travelers arriving from Canada to Hawaii may also bypass the state's mandatory 14-day quarantine if they received a negative covid-19 test result.

* Bypass of 14-day quarantine not possible when arriving on Kauai. 14-day mandatory quarantine for all incoming travelers.



TRAVEL STATS MONTH OF NOVEMBER (https://hawaiicovid19.com/travel/data/)

TOTAL ARRIVALS: 314,388 (visitors: 222,932 - residents: 91,456)

TOP 3 DESTINATIONS TO:

- 1. Honolulu (40%)
- 2. Kahului (28%)
- 3. Kona (14%)

TOP 3 DEPARTEDED CITIES:

- 1. Honolulu (17%)
- 2. Los Angeles (15%)
- 3. San Francisco (12%)

TOP 3 TRIP PURPOSE:

- 1. Pleasure/Vacation (46%)
- 2. Returning resident (16%)
- 3. Visiting friends/relatives (15%)

TOP 3 ACCOMODATIONS

- 1. Hotel (37% of visitors & 7% of residents)
- 2. My home (7% of visitors & 72% of residents)
- 3. Condominium (17% of visitors & 4% of residents)

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COVID RELATED NEWS

PRE-TRAVEL COVID-19 NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS MUST BE IN HAND PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

As of Nov. 24, trans-Pacific travelers to Hawaii who cannot present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test upon arrival in the islands have not been allowed to bypass the 14-day quarantine once their test results are received. https://www.hawaiitourismauthority.org

EVERYONE ARRIVING ON KAUAI WILL BE SUBJECT TO 14-DAY MANDATORY QUARANTINE

The decision is effective Wednesday (12/2) at 12:01 a.m., and means that all trans-Pacific and inter-island travelers arriving in Kauai are subject to the 14-day quarantine regardless of test results. https://www.staradvertiser.com

ANOTHER NATIONAL COMMERCIAL RENT SURVEY WILL BE LAUNCHED IN DECEMBER

This survey will be launched to complement ongoing state surveys to better illustrate the direct impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Hawaii and the U.S. The national survey is the third one to be conducted, following two state-level surveys. Tanaka first launched the surveys to support advocacy efforts for a commercial landlord-tenant grant program that would use federal coronavirus relief funds to help Hawaii businesses cover their commercial rent during the pandemic. The resolution for this program is approved, but has not been implemented. The coalition is hoping commercial rent relief will be considered in the next round of stimulus funds Congress is considering. For the results on the second survey, read the full article here on Star Advertiser.

MODIFICATIONS FOR PRE-ARRIVALS TESTING PROGRAM PENDING

The House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness asked to consider "travelers who have diligently complied with the 72 hour pre-arrival testing requirement with a trusted partner, but do not have a result in hand prior to their departure from their final leg, be subject to and remain in a 14-day quarantine upon arrival unless and until they submit to a rapid test upon arrival at the airport, have a negative result. And then subsequently also have a negative result from their original trusted partner test that they can upload into the State of Hawaii's Safe Travels portal."

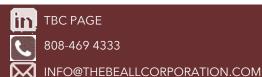
Lt. Gov. Josh Green, who is in charge of Hawaii's pre-arrivals testing program, said he is still reviewing the committee's recommendation and has also asked Ige and the governor's leadership team approval on his requested modifications. He asked to continue extending the pre-arrivals testing window to four days, up from three. He's also asked to add a requirement that travelers, who want to bypass the 14-day quarantine, must also take an post-arrivals rapid antigen test at the airport. https://www.staradvertiser.com

COVID-19 CASES ARE LOWER THEN THE EXPECTED SURGE AFTER REOPENING THE STATE

Leaders had expected Hawaii would see a 20% surge in COVID-19 cases with the start of the pre-arrival testing program. However, the statewide numbers are actually slightly down. Lt. Gov. Josh Green said "I think we are doing well. I'm not saying that we can't do better, but we have the lowest rate in the country, which is a good place to be". https://www.staradvertiser.com

ALASKA AIRLINES' NEXT CEO THINKS THERE'S PENT-UP DEMAND FOR HAWAII

At its pre-COVID peak, Alaska was operating 36 flights into Hawaii. Since Hawaii's pre-arrival testing launch, the carrier has restored flights, and expects to be up to 22 daily flights across four islands by the end of the year. https://www.staradvertiser.com



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