



***ALOHA, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!***

Our independence and our freedom came at great cost: in lives, in sacrifice, in pain. But the United States stands today because of those who fought to create a free country. On this day, we salute those fellow citizens – both past and present – who have given so much to make America strong and safe. Our country’s greatness is built on the foundation of their courage and sacrifice. And so I ask that we all take a moment to remember why it is we have this day – to honor our living Veterans and the Fallen.

This year has brought us unprecedented challenges – from the COVID-19 pandemic, to a contentious presidential election, and a country more divided than ever in the modern era. It seems now more than ever, we must come together as a nation, united in gratitude for the freedom and liberties we are afforded. I ask that you take this opportunity to reflect on what freedom means to you and reaffirm our belief in all the good we stand for.





May God bless you and your family, and I salute all those who have given their lives in defense of this great country.

## SENATE ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AHEAD OF THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

With the General Election over, the Hawaii State Senate announced its 2021 leadership and committee assignments ahead of the Thirty-First Legislature that opens on January 20, 2021.



Senator Kim will remain Chair of the Higher Education Committee, which has jurisdiction over programs relating to the University of Hawai'i, the community college system, private

higher education bond financing, and other education matters relevant to higher education, She will also remain Vice Chair of the Education Committee and a member on the Judiciary Committee.

Congratulations to all the re-elected and newly elected senators - Chris Lee, Bennette Misalucha, and Joy San Buenaventura.

To view the entire committee assignments and its member composition, click [here](#).

## SENATE TO CONVENE IN SECOND SPECIAL SESSION TO CONFIRM SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

The Senate will convene in its second special session next week to consider Todd Eddins, the nominee to associate justice on the Hawaii Supreme Court, and Stephanie Char, nominee to the District Family Court of the Fifth Circuit. The Supreme Court seat has been vacant since Associate Justice Richard W. Pollack retired in June 2020.



The Supreme Court is composed of a chief justice and four associate justices and are initially appointed for a ten-year term. After the initial appointment, the Judicial Selection Commission determines whether a justice will be retained in office. A justice may not serve past the age of 70.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Kim will participate in the hearing, which is scheduled for November 16. Click [here](#) to view the hearing notice.



## PAY CUTS FOR STATE WORKERS



Conversations between Governor Ige and the state unions to furlough state workers continue as the state grapples to deal with a massive budget shortfall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On November 1, the University of Hawaii became the first state department to implement a 9.2% pay cut for executives and managers making up to \$200,000 a year while those making more than that amount will take an additional 11% pay cut on their salaries over \$200,000.

On October 8, the Senate Special Committee on COVID-19 sent the governor a letter recommending a tiered furlough approach. You can read the full letter by clicking [here](#).

With the 2021 session quickly approaching in January, the issue of pay cuts, furloughs and layoffs for thousands of state works, including legislators, as well as balancing the budget over the next four years will certainly be taken up by the Legislature.

## SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 UPDATES

Over the past couple of months, the Senate Special Committee on COVID-19 conducted several site visits to get a first-hand account of the various programs relating to the state's handling of the pandemic.

### Safe Travels Process

The Committee visited the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport on September 16 to observe the state's new online Safe Travels form process. Senator Kim, along with her members, experienced the thermal screening cameras mounted just above the doors to the jet bridge between the aircraft and the terminal so travelers



can be scanned without having to stop. A video image and an accompanying thermal image are monitored on a video tablet by National Guard personnel. The site visit ended with a briefing from the Attorney General's office on their quarantine enforcement and certification procedures.



### Contact Tracing

The Committee toured the Hawaii Convention Center on October 28 and met with Dr. Emily Roberson, who has been heading the Department of Health's Disease Investigation Branch since July. The Committee assessed the latest contact tracing efforts by the Department, including whether or not our state has enough full-time and part-time contact tracers to handle not only our normal daily case count but also any possible surges or spikes with tourism re-opening and the holiday season approaching. This visit was significant given how the Department has provided inconsistent information to the Committee in the past regarding the actual number of contact tracers in our state.

### Testing Capacity

On September 30, the Committee visited three local laboratories to learn more about the testing capacity, policies, and procedures used among each of the labs. The labs included the Department of Health's Laboratory Division in Pearl City, Clinical Laboratories of Hawaii in Aiea, and Diagnostic Laboratory Services also in Aiea. The committee discussed the current and future testing capacity of each facility, as well as where the state should invest in additional infrastructure and resources.



### Unemployment Insurance

Following the Contact Tracing update, the Committee met with Anne E. Perreira-Eustaquio, Director for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and was updated on the huge amounts of fraud that the Department is experiencing and how the bulk of the Department's outstanding cases are from the adjudication of pending claims.



## SENATE COVID-19 COMMITTEE TO MEET THIS FRIDAY

In anticipation of the expected upcoming holiday surge in positive COVID-19 cases and its possible effect on hospital capacity, the Committee will hold a meeting on Friday, November 15 at 1:00 pm. Speakers will include Dr. Jill Hoggard Green, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Queen's Medical Center and Dr. Mark Migiishi, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Services Association (HMSA).

Click [here](#) for the live stream of this meeting (link available shortly before the scheduled start time). For any questions, contact the Committee's committee clerk at 586-6800.





# SAFE TRAVELS PROGRAM

Traveling looks a lot different now as a result of COVID-19. Here's a quick guide to the current restrictions and quarantine requirements if you will be flying soon.

Since these policies continue to be updated, please check for changes before booking your travel so that there are no surprises.

**SAFE TRAVELS HAWAII QUICK FACTS**  
Beginning October 15, 2020

**Domestic Trans-Pacific Travel**  
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**14-Day Quarantine**

**To Bypass Quarantine:**

- Show proof of negative test result upon arrival or remain in quarantine until received
- Must take a nucleic acid amplification (NAAT) pre-travel test within 72 hours from the final leg of departure. The State of Hawai'i will accept test results **ONLY** from **TRUSTED TESTING AND TRAVEL PARTNERS**.
- Applies to all passengers ages 5 and over; travelers pay for test
- Must complete Safe Travels Hawai'i online form prior to arrival
- Or other exemption provided by the state
- Travelers arriving in Hawai'i with pending test results will remain in quarantine until negative test results uploaded to the Safe Travels Hawai'i account and the State Department of Health issues confirmation that traveler is removed from quarantine

**Second Test After Arrival**

City and County of Honolulu Not required	County of Hawai'i Required at airport; free	Mau'i County Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free	Kaua'i County Voluntary 72 hours after arrival; free
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**Traveling Inter-Counties (between counties)**  
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**14-Day Quarantine**

**To Bypass Quarantine:**

- Traveling into City and County of Honolulu  
No test and no quarantine required
- Traveling into County of Hawai'i  
**OPTION 1:** Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic Trans-Pacific; **OR**  
**OPTION 2:** Post-arrival test in quarantine until negative test received and verified. May break quarantine to test.
- Traveling into Maui County  
Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic Trans-Pacific
- Traveling into Kaua'i County  
Pre-test 72 hours prior to departure, same requirements as domestic Trans-Pacific
- Or other exemption provided by the state or county

**International Trans-Pacific Travel**  
↓  
**14-Day Quarantine**

Currently, no pre-travel test exemption

For more information, visit [HawaiiCOVID19.com](http://HawaiiCOVID19.com)  
**1-800-GOHAWAII**

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To avoid quarantine when traveling to **Oahu from outside of the state** you must fulfill all the following:

- Create an account and register with the [Safe Travels Hawaii Program](#)
- Take a Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) at an [approved trusted partner location](#) within 72 hours of your flight
- Complete the mandatory travel and health form in the your Safe Travels Hawaii account (you will receive a QR code for confirmation)
- Upload your negative COVID-19 test results to your Safe Travels Hawaii account
- Present your confirmation QR code to airport personnel after landing
- Pass a temperature scan showing less than 100.4 degrees F.

To avoid quarantine when traveling **to Hawaii Island from Oahu:**

- Take a pre-test within 72 hours of your flight and follow the instructions for out-of-state travel; **OR**
- Leave quarantine only to take a COVID-19 test then quarantine again until a negative test result is verified.

To avoid quarantine when traveling **to Maui from Oahu:**

- Take a pre-test within 72 hours of your flight and follow the instructions for out-of-state travel.

To avoid quarantine when traveling **to Kauai from Oahu:**

- Take a pre-test within 72 hours of your flight and follow the instructions for out-of-state travel. There are no quarantine requirements when traveling **to Oahu from neighbor islands.**

[Click here for more information on travel guidelines.](#)

## HONOLULU MOVES TO TIER 2



After being in Tier 1 for a little over a month, the City and County of Honolulu has moved into [Tier 2 of the Honolulu Reopening Strategy](#).

Here are some of the new changes that are now allowed:

- Restaurants: Dining groups from different households now allowed
- Commercial attractions (like mini golf or cultural attractions): Can open indoor operations
- Bowling alleys: Can open at full capacity
- Helicopter tours: Can open at 50% capacity
- Legal short-term rentals: Can open
- Personal care services (like massage): Can open indoor operations
- Group fitness classes: Can have groups of 10 outdoors or groups of 5 indoors
- Gyms and fitness facilities: Can operate at 25% capacity



- Social gatherings: Up to five people allowed

### [How to move forward to Tier 3](#)

To move to Tier 3, we must maintain a seven-day average case count of less than 50 cases and a seven-day average positivity rate of 2.49% or lower for 14 consecutive days. This is why it's imperative to continue to social distance and wear a mask.

Click [here](#) to view the complete reopening strategy.

## UPCOMING FREE COVID TESTING



### **UH Medical School - 651 Ilalo St., Anc. 102**

**Monday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

*Available testing every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the following times above until the end of the year, subject to change. Appointments are encouraged but not necessary. Testing at this site is prioritized for underserved populations (including the uninsured and homeless) and for City and County of Honolulu employees (including first responders). Call-692-1310 to arrange for an appointment.*

### **Happy Pharmacy - Drive Thru - 1441 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 304**

**Thursday, November 12: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Friday, November 13: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Test collection is conducted in vehicle via the drive up stall only. Visit [www.doineedacovid19test.com](http://www.doineedacovid19test.com) to register for a test. Bring your voucher to your test appointment. If you cannot print, a voucher will be created for you at the site.

**Waikiki Shell - 2805 Monsarrat Ave.**

**Thursday, November 12: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Visit [www.doineedacovid19test.com](http://www.doineedacovid19test.com) to register for a test. Bring your voucher to your test appointment. If you cannot print, a voucher will be created for you at the site.

## FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Below is a list of organizations that are offering food assistance within or near District 14.

**Aiea 7th Day Adventist Church**

99-005 Moanalua Rd.

Saturdays or by appointment

8:00am - 9:00am

**First Assembly of God - Red-Hill**

3400 Moanalua Rd.

1st Saturday

7:00am - 9:00am

**St Timothy's Episcopal Church**

98-939 Moanalua Rd.

2nd & 4th Tuesday

5:00pm - 6:30pm

**Central Samoan Assembly of God**

3544 Kalihi St.

4th Saturday

1:30pm - 3:00pm

**Fountains of The Living Water**

2412 Rose St., #100

3rd Saturday

2:00pm - 4:00pm

**Full Gospel Temple**

2464 N School St.

Sundays

11:45am - 12:15pm

**Kalihi Union Church**

2214 North King St.

Thursdays

9:00am - 11:00am

**Palama Settlement**

810 N. Vineyard Blvd.

Call 808-848-2528 to set appointment the day before

9:00am - 11:00am

**Parents And Children Together- KPT**

1485 Linapuni St. Suite 103

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am - 3:00pm

**The Pantry by Feeding Hawaii Together**

2522 Rose St.

By appointment only. Register and shop online at [thepantry.org](http://thepantry.org). Pre-order at [thepantry.org](http://thepantry.org) and receive a confirmation email with pick up date/times



To view a complete list of all the food assistance programs being offered across Oahu, click [here](#).



## AIEA COMPLEX SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

In honor of the late Senator Breene Harimoto, Aiea area legislators and community organizations will be holding a school supply drive on **Sat., Nov. 21 from 8am - 12pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**. In conjunction with this event, there will be a Krispy Kreme fundraiser of which all proceeds will be donated to this school supply drive. You can purchase presale tickets by emailing [AieaPTSO@yahoo.com](mailto:AieaPTSO@yahoo.com) or by calling my office at 587-7200.

Your support would be greatly appreciated. See the flyers below for more information.

# Aiea Complex School Supply Drive

(honoring Senator Breene Harimoto)

"Keeping our school safe and clean from COVID-19"

### DRIVE-UP/DROP-OFF DONATION EVENT



Date: **Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020**

Place: **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
98-939 Moanalua Road, Aiea**

Time: **8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

*Sen. Harimoto was a strong advocate for education, and this event seeks to honor his legacy by supporting our Aiea Complex schools in time of need.*

**Face mask required & social distancing will be enforced**

#### Mahalo to the following sponsoring organizations:

Aiea High School PTSO  
Aiea Community Association  
Aiea High School Alumni Assoc.  
HomeStreet Bank  
Kazama Enterprises, Inc.  
Mana-Loa Nimitz Lions

Mocha's General Store  
Office of Representative Sam Kong  
Office of Senator Bennette Misalucha  
Office of Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
808 Craft and Gift Fairs





We are accepting the following school and cleaning supplies:

- All school supplies
- Disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer (60% alcohol and higher)
- Antibacterial liquid soap
- Paper/cloth face masks
- Face shields
- Non-latex disposable gloves
- Paper towels/tissue papers



*Monetary donations are accepted and appreciated*

*Please send to:*

**Aiea High School PTSO**  
P.O. Box 1312  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701



Credit card donations  
can be made by  
scanning the QR code



Questions? Please call (808) 382-7713 or email: [AieaHSPTSO@yahoo.com](mailto:AieaHSPTSO@yahoo.com)  
<https://aieaschoolsupplydrive.weebly.com/>

*Aiea High School PTSO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization*

## Aiea Complex School Supply Drive

### KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER



*The current COVID-19 pandemic and Hawaii's double-digit unemployment rate, have created a financial strain for families and schools in our community. Aiea High School PTSO, along with several community organizations, are sponsoring a community drive to provide school and cleaning supplies for families and public schools in the Aiea Complex.*

*All proceeds from Krispy Kreme fundraiser will be donated to this drive.*

**Pick Up Date: Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020**

(at the Aiea Complex School Supply  
Drive Up/Drop off Event)

**Place:** St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
98-939 Moanalua Road, Aiea

**Time:** 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Cost:** \$15 dozen

**How to purchase:** email [AieaPTSO@yahoo.com](mailto:AieaPTSO@yahoo.com) or  
call (808) 382-7713 for presale  
tickets

**LIMITED DOZENS FOR SALE ON THE DAY OF EVENT**

## HOUSEHOLD HARDSHIP RELIEF PROGRAM

### Is your 'ohana facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 impacts?

The City & County of Honolulu's Household Hardship Relief Program may be able to assist in directly paying expenses

#### Eligible Expenses may include:

- Childcare expenses to providers recognized by the Department of Human Services
- Rent or Mortgage
- Gas or electric utilities
- Emergency household expenses

#### Program Requirements:

- Economic hardship due to COVID-19 or related business closures
- O'ahu resident age 18 or older
- Meet asset and income limits at the time of the application

#### Household Income Limits:

- \$120,500 for a family of 4
- Visit [www.honolulu.gov/dcs](http://www.honolulu.gov/dcs) for limits for other household sizes



**Up to \$1,000  
Household expenses**



**Up to \$500  
Additional childcare**



### APPLY TODAY

through one of our non-profit partners

- Aloha United Way  
(2-1-1 or 808-275-2000)
- Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (808-596-8155)

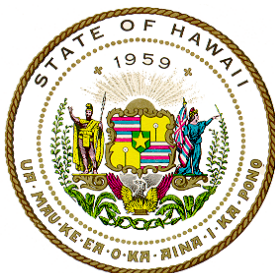
**Questions? Contact our providers above or visit  
[www.honolulu.gov/dcs](http://www.honolulu.gov/dcs) or [www.oneoahu.org](http://www.oneoahu.org)**



The **Aloha United Way 2-1-1** is Hawaii's statewide COVID-19 resources hotline partnering with the Department of Health. Residents can call 2-1-1 or go to their [resources website](#) for a comprehensive list of COVID-19 resources, which include:

- Business Assistance Services for COVID-19
- Child Care Expense Assistance for Health Care Occupations and COVID-19
- County Government Information Services for COVID-19
- Donor Services for COVID-19
- Emergency Dental Care for COVID-19
- Emergency Shelter for COVID-19
- Food for COVID-19
- Grocery Ordering/Delivery for COVID-19
- Home Delivered Meals for COVID-19
- Home Delivered Meals for Older Adults and COVID-19
- Information Sources for COVID-19
- Isolation/Quarantine Orders for COVID-19
- Landlord/Tenant Assistance for COVID-19
- Meals for COVID-19
- Medical Information Services for COVID-19
- Rent Payment Assistance for COVID-19
- Rent Payment Assistance for Hawaiian Community and COVID-19
- Rental Deposit Assistance for Hawaiian Community and COVID-19
- Senior Ride Programs for COVID-19
- State Government Information Services for COVID-19
- Tourist Information for COVID-19
- Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance for COVID-19
- Unemployment Insurance for COVID-19
- Utility Service Payment Assistance for COVID-19
- Volunteer Opportunities for COVID-19

**STAY CONNECTED, STAY ENGAGED**



My office continues to serve you. Feel free to email us at [senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov) or call (808) 587-7200.