

Office of Representative Adrian Tam

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Restrictions Eased for Travel to Hawaii

Effective Nov. 8, 2021. The State of Hawaii will welcome all vaccinated international travelers. Non-U.S. citizen traveling directly to Hawaii must present BOTH a vaccination record AND a negative COVID-19 test result (NAAT or antigen) within three days of boarding a flight to the U.S.

U.S. citizens flying directly to Hawaii from an international destination have two options: (1) fully vaccinated U.S. citizens must provide proof of vaccination AND a negative COVID-19 test result within three days of boarding a flight to Hawaii OR (2) if not vaccinated, a negative COVID-19 test result within one day of boarding a flight to Hawaii.



The Safe Travels Program remains in place for domestic travelers. International travelers entering the U.S. via another state or territory will be treated as domestic travelers when entering the State of Hawaii.

Domestic travelers must follow all Safe Travels Hawaii protocols. To avoid quarantine, upload proof of vaccination or have a negative result from a Trusted Testing Partner. All vaccines approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and vaccines listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization will be accepted For more details, please visit: https://governor.hawaii.gov

As of June 15, all passengers who are not in quarantine are free to travel between islands without restriction.

For more information visit hawaiicovid19.com/travel and register with the State of Hawaii Safe Travels online system. Only test results from Trusted Testing and Travel Partners will be accepted. Review vaccination exception requirements at hawaiicovid19.com/faqs.

Wishing all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is that time of year to gather with friends and family and express gratitude for all we have. During the past year, many events have been curtailed. But this year, with vaccinations widely available, many of us are cautiously anticipating the return of celebrating special holidays with friends and family again. The CDC has released updated guidelines for safer ways to celebrate.

- Protect those not yet eligible for vaccination such as young children by getting yourself and other eligible people around them vaccinated.
- Wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated.
 - Even those who are fully vaccinated should wear a mask in public indoor settings in communities with substantial to high transmission.
 - Outdoors is safer than indoors.
 - Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.
 - If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.
 - Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19.



Shout out and Mahalo to the staff of Hawaii Pacific Health for putting on two successful vaccine clinics at Centennial Park in October. District 22 has one of the highest vaccination rates in the state, and with eligibility now open to ages 5-11, I am hopeful that we can finally be done with this pandemic.

PAR Workshops: Wednesday Evening Series

Blood Bank of Hawaii Shortage



The Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH) is asking folks to roll up their sleeves and donate. They are experiencing a serious shortage of all blood types. The Blood Bank says it needs to secure 150 to 200 daily appointments for all blood types to keep up with Hawaii's demand, but O-Positive, O-Negative and A-Positive are needed most critically. Those interested in scheduling an appointment should call (808) 848-4770 or click here: https://www.bbh.org/become-donor/

I always encourage my constituents to get involved in the legislative process. The Public Access Room (PAR) is a great place to start for more information on how to do this with videos, publications, and office hours (by phone only at this time) to answer questions at https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/

The PAR is also offering a series of online workshops on Wednesday evenings in preparation for the upcoming 2022 session. Workshops are an hour or less. For more information and for the zoom link to participate, send an email to: par@capitol.hawaii.gov or call 808/587-0478.)

Workshops Available:

- "The Bill to Law Process": Wednesday, November 3, 5:00 p.m. :
- Walk through the legislative process with an imaginary bill
- "Using the Legislature Website's Interactive Features": Wednesday, November 10, 5:00 p.m.
- Testifying, tracking, signing up for hearing notices, and searching for bills
- "Communicating with Legislators": Wednesday, November 17, 5:00 p.m.
- Tips on advocacy and communicating with lawmakers



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