

05.21.2018 Weekly Lava Update

Due to the urgent and ever changing nature of the events in Pahoa, I will be providing weekly updates via email. If you or someone you know would like to be added to the distribution list please email j.honda@capitol.hawaii.gov or call (808) 586-6530. I will also be relaying activities on my facebook and twitter accounts.

CIVIL DEFENSE COMMUNITY MEETING: PAHOA LAVA FLOW

<u>Tuesday, May 22, 2018</u> <u>5:30pm</u> Pahoa High School Cafeteria

The Department of Transportation will also be present during tonight's meeting to take questions from the community.

**If you are unable to attend in person, Na Leo TV is tentatively planning to broadcast this meeting on Channel 55, program will also likely be available via live stream on Na Leo TV's website: http://naleo.tv/

Airbnb

(808) 885-0936

(contact: Lottie)

Until <u>May 31st</u>, Airbnb will be opening some of their shelters to evacuees. Please contact Lottie (808) 885-0936 for more details or visit:

https://www.airbnb.com/welcome/evacuees/bigisland

UPDATE: CHAIN OF CRATERS ROAD

Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) is working with the National Park system to begin work to prepare Chain of Craters Road as an emergency route. There are still a number of clearances and inspections that will need to be completed before the DOT can proceed. Since the start of the lava flow, I have been in contact with Hawaii Island District Engineer, Donald Smith, who assured me that they are urgently working on the matter and that they will relay any updates as their work continues.

*Please note that plans to open Chain of Craters Road as an emergency evacuation route would make the road accessible, as needed, during emergency situations.

KEHENA BEACH—Talk Story: **CANCELLED**

The Saturday, June 16 KEHENA BEACH—Talk Story meeting at Kalani Honua has been CANCELLED due to the ongoing volcanic eruptions.

05/21/2018 Civil Defense Update This is a Civil Defense Message for Monday, May 21 at 8:30 in the morning.

To sign up for messages and alerts, please visit:

http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/active-alerts/

Hawaiian Volcano Observatory reports that eruptive lava activity at multiple fissures continues with two flows entering the ocean.

Due to the volcanic activity the following information is provided for your awareness: Gas levels remain high. Take actions to limit further exposure.

All schools are currently open this morning. County, state and federal officials are working together to monitor the situation and take action to ensure the safety of surrounding communities.

Due to hazardous conditions from lava and fires, the following policies are in

<u>effect:</u>

- -Highway 137 is closed to all traffic between Kamaili Road and Pohoiki Road.
- -Kamaili Road is closed to all thru traffic. No stopping, this is a high sulfur dioxide area.-Everyone is asked to stay out of the area.

Due to the lava entry at the ocean, the following policies are in effect:

- -Access to the area is prohibited due to the laze hazard.
- -Stay away from any ocean plume. The plume travels with the wind and can change direction without warning.
- -The U.S. Coast Guard is actively monitoring the area. Only permitted tour boats are allowed in the area.

http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/civil-defense/

Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) today announced 68 public schools will serve meals through its summer food service program, Seamless Summer Option (SSO).

Beginning in early June, the SSO program will be available at public schools around the state free of charge to all children 18 years and under. Breakfast and lunch meals will be served at select locations Monday through Friday, except June 11 (King Kamehameha Day) and July 4 (Independence Day).

Please note: Schedules are subject to change at the discretion of the schools, without notice. Parents are encouraged to call their child's school directly to find out the specific dates and times for meal service.

Some of the participating Hawaii Island Schools include:

Ke Kula O Nawahi PCS, Kea'au Elementary, Kea'au High, Kea'au Middle, Mountain View Elementary



Head Start Preschools in Hawaiian Beaches and Keonepoko remain will remain open as long as it is safe to do so. Closures are possible, should conditions become unsafe, however, until then Head Start Preschools will continue to stay open and help reduce the stress for families already struggling with evacuation.



HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Amplify the Power of Giving

The Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF), together with Anderson-Beck Fund, Jack's Fund and the Darrin & Darien Gee Family Fund, have established the Hawaii Island Volcano Recovery Fund to assist with recovery efforts in support of Hawai'i Island communities affected by the Kilauea volcano eruption.

If you are interested in making a donation, please visit:

https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/volcanorecovery

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