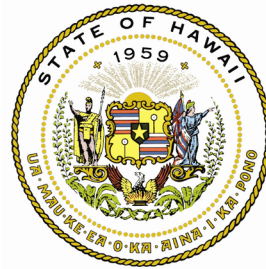


SENATE DISTRICT 18 COMMUNITY REPORT

JUNE 2021 – *Serving Mililani Town, Waipio Gentry, Waikele, Village Park & Royal Kunia*



Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

June has welcomed exciting strides for the state of Hawai'i after a tumultuous year. We have officially entered Tier 4 this month and continue to celebrate these milestones with the ease in restrictions as vaccination rates continue to rise. Some of these changes include social gatherings outdoors of up to 25 people, indoor gatherings of up to 10, indoor sports with spectators up to 33% capacity and more. It has been heartening to see these changes take effect as a long-awaited reward for our commitment to public health and community.

I am excited for the changes yet to come with the appointment of bold, innovative leaders like Senator Lynn DeCoite and the Hawai'i Department of Education's new interim superintendent, Keith Hayashi. They have demonstrated incredible dedication and leadership throughout the pandemic and have helped guide our keiki and communities through our hardships. I am eager to continue our great work together to further the progress we have made and to see the people of Hawai'i thrive as they deserve.

June is also the start of hurricane season, and it is more important than ever to be prepared for any case of emergency. Each year we see the changing environment of our islands affected by the likes of droughts, fires, hurricanes and tsunamis, and we must make efforts to keep ourselves safe and prepared before these potential risks are on the horizon. In doing so, I have included a wealth of information from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency on emergency preparedness.

It is wonderful to see the thrills of summer enjoyed as we embrace the return of more normalcy this summer. After the challenges of 2020 and countless months spent indoors, this season offers us a renewed sense of gratitude for the simple joys in life. Our appreciation for sunshine, beach days and outdoor activities mean more than ever and as the days get longer I hope you are making new memories and enjoying spending them with your loved ones!

CONGRATULATIONS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT HAYASHI!!

Congratulations to Keith Hayashi, the Hawai'i DOE's new interim superintendent! Keith has been a dedicated and truly visionary leader for the students and staff as principal of Waipahu High School, and I know he will continue to make incredible strides for the future of our keiki in this exciting new role. I wish him the very best and look forward to working together in support of all our students and educators!



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2021 SCHOOL HEALTH & SAFETY HANDBOOK



Parents can get a head start on the upcoming school year by learning about the new safety protocols being implemented by the DOE in preparation for the 2021 school year. Click the image to head online to learn more about the DOE's Return to Learn 2021 School Reopening Plan, Health and Safety Handbook!

Download the Aloha Safe app to stay updated with contact tracing & keep your 'ohana safe from COVID-19!





HONOLULU GETTING VAX TOGETHER

COVID-19 VACCINE RESOURCES:

Vaccination Rate
Case Counts | Test Positivity

TIER 4
>50%
<20 | <1.0%

TIER 5
>60%
N/A

Social Gatherings
Parks, Beaches, Trails, Camping
Outdoor sports (no permit)
Organized outdoor sports (permit)
Indoor organized team sports
Pools (public and private/commercial)
Shooting and archery ranges
Public/private golf courses
Real estate services
New/used car/truck dealerships
Automated service providers
Mobile service providers
Retail and service
Indoor malls
Spiritual services
Funerals
Restaurants and bars (businesses offering food or drink for seated on-site consumption)
Zoos, sea life attractions, aquariums, museums, botanical gardens
Other commercial attractions: water parks, cultural attractions, go kart, mini golf
Arcades
Bowling
Transportation (non-essential)
Tours
Helicopter tours, plane tours, skydiving
Recreational boating (personal)
Commercial recreational boating (Restaurant/Bar rules apply if food/beverage consumption allowed)
Legal short-term rentals
Drive-in services
Hair salons, barbershops, and nail salons
Personal care services
Pet services
Business offices
Breakrooms & conference rooms
Movie theaters
Group physical activity classes
Commercial gyms & fitness facilities
Dance/social/nightlife/karaoke establishments (businesses allowing on-site consumption that are not limited to seated customers)
Static Structured Events at Venues (industry/education/entertainment)
Weddings (can also use guidelines below)
Indoor Events, Meetings, Conventions (non-static, more attendees than limits for social gatherings)
Outdoor events I (defined capacity limit, defined ingress/egress)
Outdoor events II (no defined capacity limit, defined ingress/egress)
Outdoor events III (markets, craft fairs, etc.)
Road Races, Triathlons, etc

10 indoors, 25 outdoors
25
25
Allowed
Allowed, spectators 33%
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
10 indoors, 25 outdoors
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
10 indoors, 25 outdoors
10 indoors, 25 outdoors
10 indoors, 25 outdoors
Allowed
10 indoors, 25 outdoors
10 indoors, 25 outdoors
10 indoors, 25 outdoors
10
25
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
10 people per car
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Encourage remote, CDC guidelines
Distancing, masks when not eating. Encourage outdoors
10 indoors, 25 outdoors
10 indoor w/masks, 25 outdoors
10 indoors, 25 outdoors, 50% capacity
50% capacity, all guests tested or show proof of full vaccination
Pods of 10 indoors, 25 outdoors
outdoors, pods of 25, 200 total
50% capacity, all guests tested or show proof of full vaccination
(a) 33% capacity (b) 67% capacity if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination
(a) 30 ppl/1,000 sqft (b) 60 ppl/1,000 sqft if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination
Allowed
Permit Required, starting group size subject to gathering size limit

25 indoors, 75 outdoors
75
75
Allowed
Allowed, spectators 50%
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
25 indoors, 75 outdoors
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
25 indoors, 75 outdoors
25 indoors, 75 outdoors
25 indoors, 75 outdoors
Allowed
25 indoors, 75 outdoors
25 indoors, 75 outdoors
25 indoors, 75 outdoors
25
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Allowed
Encourage remote, CDC guidelines
Encourage outdoors, mask when not eating
25 indoors, 75 outdoors
Allowed w/conditions
Allowed w/conditions
67% capacity, all guests tested or show proof of full vaccination
Pods of 25 indoors, 75 outdoors
outdoors, pods of 75, 200 total
67% capacity, all guests tested or show proof of full vaccination
(a) 50% capacity (b) 75% capacity if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination
(a) 50 ppl/1,000 sqft (b) 100 ppl/1,000 sqft if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination
Allowed
Permit Required, starting group size subject to gathering size limit

1. Vaccine Registration

Currently accepting vaccination registrations for kupuna ages 75 and older. Eligibility is required based upon Hawai'i's tiered program and must review the prevaccination checklist before receiving their vaccine.

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccination-registration/>

2. Hawaii Vaccination Plan

For more information regarding Hawai'i's detailed vaccination plan, please refer to the CDC-approved executive summary noting the operational structure to reach high-risk groups as quickly and efficiently as possible.

<https://www.oneoahu.org/vaccine>

3. Statewide PODs

A list of clinics or Points of Distribution (PODS) note locations throughout the state where you can receive your COVID-19 vaccination.

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccination-registration/>

4. Vaccine Safety & FAQs

One Oahu offers information on Hawai'i's distribution plan, safety, what to expect and a list of FAQs to address community vaccine concerns. It is important to note that people who have recovered from COVID-19 are still urged to receive the vaccine with new variants being introduced into the country and natural immunity varying between individuals. Hyper hygiene is still urged after receiving a vaccination.

<https://www.oneoahu.org/vaccine>

AKAKA VETERANS HOME GROUNDBREAKING



I was honored to attend the blessing and groundbreaking ceremony for the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home on May 31st. It was an honor to be joined by colleagues and friends as we celebrated the legacy of the late Senator, Daniel Akaka, and his 'ohana in supporting Hawai'i's military veterans. Pictured Above: Representative Cullen, Representative Har, myself and Representative Eli.



Photo L-R: A moment of celebration with Aunty Millie Akaka, wife of the late Senator Daniel Akaka, and Representative Har, Representative Cullen, Representative Eli, OHA Trustee Kalei Akaka (granddaughter of Senator Akaka), Representative Branco, myself and Representative Matayoshi.

CONGRATULATIONS SENATOR DECOITE!



Congratulations to Senator Lynn DeCoite! I have had the pleasure of working with her for many years and have watched her work tirelessly for the residents of District 7 and beyond. I know that she will continue to showcase her dedication to serving the people of Hawai'i. I am so proud to welcome Senator DeCoite as our historic 10th female member serving in the Hawai'i State Senate!

DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS

Residents with driver's licenses, permits and state IDS expiring between March 16, 2020-August 6, 2021 are encouraged to renew their credentials before the extension expires on Aug. 6th. A printable letter can be downloaded online as proof of the 60-day extension. Visit a driver licensing center or satellite city hall for stand-by service or schedule an appointment online at AlohaQ.org, though same-day on site service is not guaranteed. Head to honolulu.gov/csd for more information and be sure to renew yours before they expire!

JUNE 2021 UPDATE

Driver's licenses, instruction permits & state IDs that expire between March 16, 2020 through Aug. 6, 2021 are considered valid in Hawaii through Aug. 6, 2021

Affected Oahu residents can download a printable letter from the Department of Customer Services to use as proof of the 60-day expiration extension

For more information, visit honolulu.gov/csd

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
City and County of Honolulu

POWER
OF
HAWAII
RESIDENTS

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

1. [State of Hawaii COVID-19 Portal](https://hawaiiicovid19.com)

The official Hawai'i state portal for all the latest updates, vaccine PODs and information on COVID-19:

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com>

2. [One Oahu](https://www.oneoahu.org)

The City & County of Honolulu's official COVID-19 Response Team site offers pandemic updates and helpful community resources:

<https://www.oneoahu.org>

3. [Hawaii State Department of Health](https://health.hawaii.gov)

The official DOH website notes the most recent health updates as directed by CDC and FDA guidelines on COVID-19 for the state of Hawai'i:

<https://health.hawaii.gov>

4. [Kupuna Vaccine Hotline](https://www.oneoahu.org)

Open 7am-10pm seven days a week, the hotline is available to assist kupuna ages 65+ with vaccine registrations as well as for those with limited access to technology, language barriers, those without transportation or family. **Call 211 for help today!**

5. [Department of Labor and Industrial Relations](https://labor.hawaii.gov/ui/covid-19-ui-benefit-programs/)

Access all of the necessary Unemployment Insurance benefit programs you may be eligible for and schedule an appointment online 3wks in advance for benefit assistance.

<https://labor.hawaii.gov/ui/covid-19-ui-benefit-programs/>

SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE SITE VISITS

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means held two important site visits this month, one to the Leeward Coast in Nanakuli/Waianae as well as to Hawaii Island. I joined Committee Chair, Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Senator Keith-Agaran and Senate members Fevella, Inouye, Kanuha, Moriwaki, Shimabukuro, Misalucha and Wakai to assess needs for Hawai'i Island's Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport, the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority, Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, Keahuolu Court House and the Keakealani State Office Building.



Bottom Photo L-R: Senators Gil Keith-Agaran, Glenn Wakai, Bennette Misalucha, Maile Shimabukuro, Sharon Moriwaki, Donovan Dela Cruz, Lorraine Inouye and myself. Back L-R: Senators Dru Kanuha and Kurt Fevella accompanied by the Department of Land & Natural Resources staff at Honokohau Harbor.

OLELO ISLAND FOCUS



On June 18th I had the opportunity to chat with former Representative Lyla Berg on the Olelo Island Focus show at Leeward Community College. I was thrilled to share some of the exciting educational innovations currently offered on the Leeward side of Oahu, the community response to these new opportunities and the overall vision for education we hope to inspire through them. Click the image to watch the interview online.

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON

June marks the start of hurricane season in Hawai'i and each year we are reminded of the importance of staying prepared well in advance to keep yourself and your 'ohana safe. Click the image to the right for a helpful video tutorial on how to pack your "[14-Day Emergency Kit](#)" and browse the helpful infographics from the [Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency](#) to guide you through the important safety steps in case of a natural disaster.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

1. [Rental & Utility Relief](#)

The City & County of Honolulu reinstated the Rental & Utility Relief Program which provides rent and household utilities support for O'ahu residents. Call **768-CITY** seven days a week between 8am-4:30pm or head online for more details: www.oneoahu.org/renthelp

2. [Next Steps to Your Future: Career Exploration](#)

Hawai'i public high school graduates are invited to take a free online UHCC class this summer to explore career options or summer advising and earn college credits <https://nextsteps.hawaii.edu>

3. [Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#)

This Federal Communications Commission program provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households towards internet service and equipment rentals as well as a one-time discount of up to \$100 for computers and devices. To begin applying and enrolling head to their website: getemergencybroadband.org

4. [Third Round of P-EBT](#)

The Department of Human Services and the Department of Education announced a third round of Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT) benefits for keiki who qualify for free or reduced-price school meals, or attend a Community Eligibility Provision school during the pandemic. <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/1961-2/>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STARTS WITH YOU



Visit: ready.hawaii.gov

ARE YOU 2 WEEKS READY?

BUILD KITS

Have Go Bags ready for work, each family member, pets, & a vehicle safety kit too.



PLAN TO BE ON YOUR OWN FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS

Water (1 gal. per person/day)
Food (Non-perishable)
First Aid Kit
Medical Equipment
Medications
NOAA Alert Radio
Extra Batteries

Flashlight
Can Opener
Tools
Warm Clothes
Sturdy Shoes
Personal Hygiene Items
Toilet Paper

Pet Supplies
Fire Extinguisher
Glasses/Eye Care
Cash
Identification
Important Documents
Comfort/Entertainment

PLAN AHEAD!



Determine an accessible meeting place in case you have to leave your home or work, so you can reunite your family.



LEARN ABOUT DISASTER PLANS FOR:

Your medical and/or transportation provider

Your workplace

Your children's school

Other places where your family spends time



- Sign up for emergency alerts and notifications.
- Identify your local emergency alert system (EAS) radio stations.
- Know your evacuation and alternate transportation routes.



WAYS TO HELP EACH OTHER

- Know how you'll help people & pets who normally rely on you.
- Form a neighborhood group. Please visit ready.hawaii.gov for a listing of preparedness groups.
- Help organizations in your neighborhood that may need support during a disaster.
- Attend free disaster skills workshops offered by your local emergency management office and learn basic survival skills.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY —

- Write down important emergency contact information.
- Texts are more likely to go through than calls.
- Have an extra cell phone charger and batteries.
- An out-of-area contact can serve as a relay point for family communication.



ACTIONS TO TAKE DURING A QUAKE



DROP



COVER



HOLD ON

If there is no table around, get lower than the other furniture.

THINK – BENEATH • BESIDE • BETWEEN

AFTER THE SHAKING

- Check for injuries & apply basic first aid.
- Check your building for structural damage.
- Leave building if unsafe.
- Help your neighbors.

Shut off the water at the main valve.

Shut off gas **ONLY** if you:

- Smell natural gas
- Hear hissing
- See the dial spinning rapidly



FOR MORE INFORMATION



Local television



Your local Emergency Management office



Emergency radio stations
NOAA weather radio channels



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ready.hawaii.gov