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SENATE COVID COMMITTEE VISITS CONVENTION CENTER AND H3 TUNNEL TESTING SITE

On August 28, the Senate COVID committee toured the Convention Center and met with Maj. Gen. Hara and Dr. Emily Roberson, head of the contact tracing program, to get a first hand account of the state's new expanded office for contact tracing. At the insistence of the committee members, the Convention Center was set up to increase the

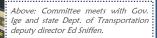


Kymberly Sparlin, the Governor's Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Policy, accompanied the committee during their Convention Center site visit.

state's ability to contact trace every positive case discovered in the islands within 24 hours. We were happy to see how they were able to scale up this process in the last 2 weeks.

On Sept. 1, the committee took a preliminary tour of the H3 tunnel, which will be a "surge testing" site on Thursday, Sept. 3 from 9am - 2pm.





Left: Senator Kim inside the H3 tunnel operations center.



STATE APPROVED FOR \$300 UI FEDERAL PLUS UP PROGRAM

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the state's application to participate in the unemployment insurance plus up program called the Lost Wages Assistance Program (LWAP).

The program, under FEMA, was created by the president via a memorandum earlier this month in response to the July expiration of the unemployment \$600 weekly benefit.

Hawaii will offer an additional unemployment compensation benefit of \$300 per week to eligible unemployment recipients. To qualify for this benefit, recipients must be eligible for at least \$100 in weekly benefits and must certify that they are unemployed or partially unemployed due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19. Payments would be retroactive to August 1, 2020.

Additional information on the program and how to apply will be announced shortly.

SURGE TESTING CONTINUES THIS WEEK

Last week Wednesday was the first day of "surge testing" on Oahu where federal, state and county partners hope to test 5,000 people each day over two weeks.

This testing is free of charge and pain free. However, you must register prior to arriving at the testing site. You do not need a doctor's referral nor do you need to be a resident of the community where the testing site is located. Results are expected to be available 3-5 days following a test.

Upcoming test dates and locations include:

Wednesday, Sept. 2: 9am - 4pm Aloha Stadium -- WALK UP ONLY 95-500 Salt Lake Blvd.

HPD HQ -- WALK-IN ONLY 801 South Beretania St. Lawn Area. 1st Floor



Kuhio Park Terrace Community Center - WALK-IN ONLY 1485 Linapuni St., #103

Thursday, Sept. 3: 9am - 2pm
H3 Tunnel - Testsuo Harano Tunnels
Kanacha

For a full list of testing dates and locations or to register for free, visit www.dolneedacovid19test.com.

HECO MORATORIUM ON DISCONNECTIONS EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31

Hawaiian Electric has extended the moratorium on disconnections of electric utilities to December 31, 2020. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) ordered that all regulated utilities extend their moratoriums, and reminded customers to pay "their bills to the extent possible during this time, noting that customers will still ultimately be responsible for paying Utility service billings accrued during this suspension."





Hawaiian Electric encourages customers that need assistance and qualify to seek utility bill assistance from government and non-profit resources as needed to ensure their bill payments are manageable. Information about some of these programs and our payment arrangement options can be found in the news release, and more information is available on their website at: https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/hawaiian-electrics-response-to-covid-19.

STAY at HOME ORDER

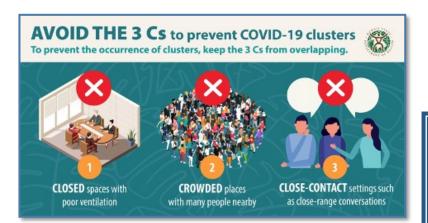
"STAY AT HOME, WORK FROM HOME" ORDER CONTINUES THROUGH SEPT. 9

Oahu is nearly halfway through the two-week stay-at-home order that was implemented due to the recent surge in

COVID-19 cases. This order is similar to an earlier one issued by Gov. Ige in March, which allowed only essential services to remain open, encouraging telework and limiting restaurants to take-out only.

At a news conference, Honolulu Police Chief Susan Ballard informed the public to contact a newly established COVID-19 enforcement hotline at [808) 723-3900 or email hpdcovidenforce@honolulu.gov to report [violators. "We've tried to warn people, educate people," she said. "At I this point, there are probably going to be very few warnings. It's going I to be either citations or arrests."

For more details on the current orders, go to www.honolulu.gov. For questions, call 768-CITY, email covidresponse@honolulu.gov or go to oneoahu.org.



AUGUST 26 PROCLAIMED "WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY" IN HAWAII

This year marks the centennial of women's suffrage, which gave women the right to vote through the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

I introduced a resolution this year, Senate Resolution 52, and the governor issued a proclamation calling for August 26 to be observed as "Women's Equality Day." The resolution cites and celebrates the many contributions women have made to the nation and Hawaii, particularly as decision-makers who influenced and shaped the

Hawaiian Islands' growth from kingdom, to territory, to state.

Senator Kim is joined by colleagues Senators Kidani (left) and Moriwaki (right) to recognize and commemorate August 26 as Women's Equality

SATELLITE CITY HALLS & DRIVER LICENSING CENTERS CLOSE TO IN-PERSON SERVICES

The city's Department of Customer Services will be suspending for two weeks all face-to-face visits to its offices on Oahu, beginning Thursday, Aug. 27

The suspension includes in-person transactions at driver licensing centers and satellite city halls.

The temporary closure complies with Mayor Kirk Caldwell's emergency stay-at-home, work-at-home orders that will remain in effect through Wednesday, Sept. 9 to help curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Only appointments during the two-week closure period will be canceled. Efforts will be made to reschedule those affected as a priority. Appointments will be honored after the orders are lifted as scheduled.

Department staff will continue to process online and mail-in applications, payments as well as perform other administrative functions.

The city urges residents to take advantage of its online and off-site options for government services. A list of services can be viewed at honolulu.gov/csd.

CIP FUNDS RELEASED FOR MOANALUA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Project: Parking Lot Improvements

<u>Description</u>: To finance design and construction to renovate the school

parking lot

Amount Released: \$1,500,000





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