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First and foremost, I want to thank all you from District 3 for your continued support. I know that these are unusual times that we are living through, but I know that with all of your dedication, sacrifices and caring for one another, we will come out of this a better and safer community. Your feedback, suggestions and encouragement always helps me better serve our community.

Prior to the shut down of the State Legislature on March 17, 2020, I was assigned to the House Select Committee on Covid19 by Speaker Scott Saiki and have been participating in these meetings along with industry and community leaders around the State. We have been diligently working and planning on how to open Hawai'i while ensuring the safety of everyone. As we work through these issues, the Governor and his pandemic response team have released a timeline on the plans to safely re-open Hawai'i. I have included the timeline and charts that have been released by the Governor's office. Each stage would require 14 days of observation before progressing to the next level, while keeping in mind that movement along the timeline could be forward or backward dependent on the situation and Covid19 cases.

I kindly ask for all my constituents to continue to follow general CDC protocol to prevent the spreading of germs.

- ⇒ Wash your hands often with soap and water for a least 20 seconds.
- ⇒ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ⇒ Stay home when you are sick and seek medical care.
- ⇒ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- ⇒ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ⇒ Clean and disinfect frequently touch objects and surfaces.

District 3

Waiakea Uka
Panaewa
Kea'au
Upper Puna
Kurtistown
Mt. View
Glenwood
Volcano
Pahala
Honu'apo





Waiākea-Uka Community Center Funding

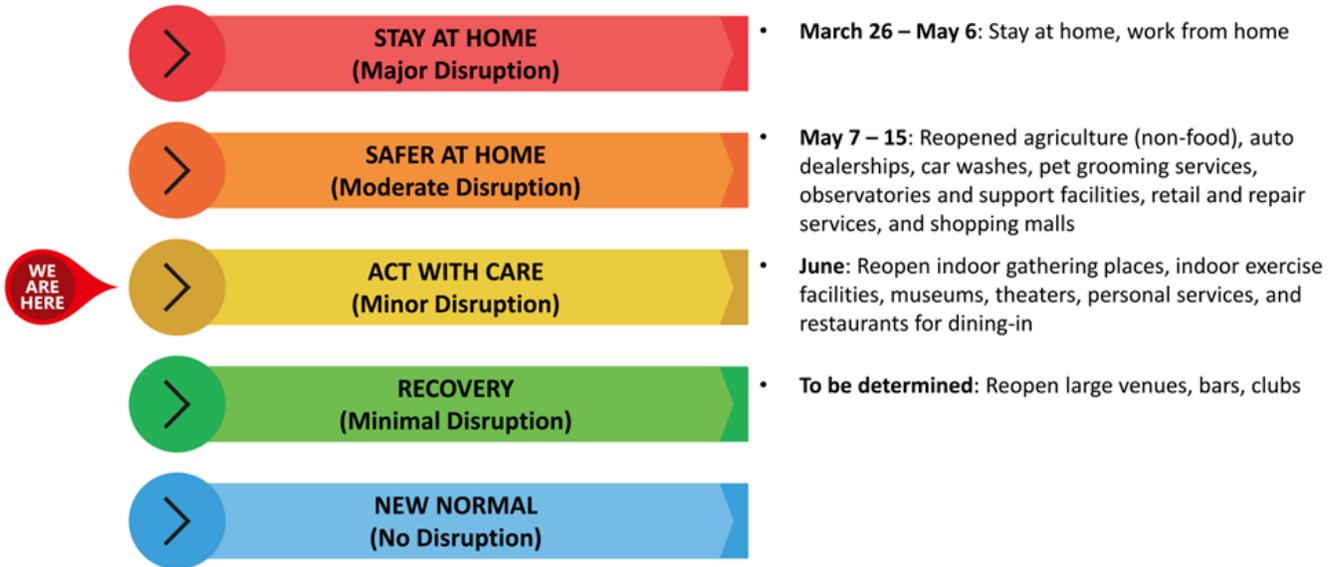


For many years I have worked tirelessly to create a safer environment for users of the Waiākea-Uka Park and facilities. In the 2015 Legislative Session, I was able to secure funding to implement the first phase of my vision for this project which was to purchase an adjacent property where a safer parking option could be built. Working jointly with Councilwoman Sue Lee Loy and the Parks & Recreation staff, the purchase of the property took place in June 2018. The vision included new parking facilities and a new community center for the area. Due to the high traffic in the area, I felt that it was of utmost importance to get a new parking lot completed so that park users watching games or utilizing the gym would no longer feel the need to park along 'Āinaola Drive. The parking on 'Āinaola Drive creates a safety hazard for people driving on 'Āinaola Drive, crossing the street and reduces sight distances for people driving on 'Āinaola Drive attempting to exit Ho'ohoaloha Street.

During the re-opening of this current legislative session from May 11 - May 21, 2020, HB2725 HD1 SD1 has included a total of 6.4 million dollars in general obligation bond funding as the State's portion of the shared costs with the County of Hawaii at a 3:1 ratio. These funds along with Hawaii's County portion, will cover the costs for the design and construction of a new parking lot, plans and designs for a new community center building and plans and designs for a baseball field relocation for the lower ball field along with a new adjoining parking lot. Funding is also included for any necessary ground and site improvements, repair, refurbishment, renovation and/or new construction for this project. Once completed this will vastly improve the safety of all park users and creates a safer environment for the community.

State Estimated Timeline for Reopening

(Strategy will be implemented by County and is subject to change)



May 18, 2020 In all cases, businesses and operations must follow applicable CDC, industry and regulatory guidelines related to COVID-19 prior to opening.

State Reopening Strategy for Businesses and Operations

May 18, 20

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<i>BUSINESSES & OPERATIONS</i>	STAY AT HOME (Major Disruption)	SAFER AT HOME (Moderate Disruption)	ACT WITH CARE (Minor Disruption)	RECOVERY (Minimal Disruption)	NEW NORMAL (No Disruption)
Accommodations	○	○	◐	◑	●
Agriculture, non-food	⊗	◐	◑	◑	●
Auto dealerships, car washes	⊗	◐	◑	◑	●
Childcare	○	◐	◑	◑	●
Education facilities (K-12, higher)	○	○	◑	◑	●
Healthcare, social assistance, government	○	◐	◑	◑	●
Indoor gathering places, including places of worship	⊗	⊗	◑	◑	●
Indoor exercise facilities, including gyms and fitness centers	⊗	⊗	◑	◑	●
Large venues, bars, clubs	⊗	⊗	⊗	◑	●
Manufacturing, construction	○	◐	◑	◑	●
Museums, theaters	⊗	⊗	◑	◑	●
Office settings	○	◐	◑	◑	●
Outdoor spaces	○	◐	◑	◑	●
Personal services	⊗	⊗	◑	◑	●
Restaurants	○	○	◑	◑	●
Retail & Repair	○	◐	◑	◑	●
Shopping malls	⊗	◐	◑	◑	●

⊗ Closed
 ○ Essential only with physical distancing and Safe Practices
 ◐ Open with physical distancing and Safe Practices
 ◑ Open with adjusted Safe Practices
 ● Fully open with adjusted Safe Practices

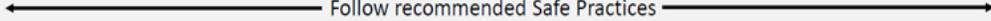
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Impacts to Daily Life from Stabilization to Resilience

(Impact level may vary by County)

Impact to Daily Life	STAY AT HOME (Major Disruption)	SAFER AT HOME (Moderate Disruption)	ACT WITH CARE (Minor Disruption)	RECOVERY (Minimal Disruption)	NEW NORMAL (No Disruption)
 Face Coverings	 Follow recommended Safe Practices				
 Stay at Home	Stay at home except for essential activities	High-risk populations* and kūpuna recommended to stay at home		High-risk populations and kūpuna exercise caution when in public	
 Gatherings	No gatherings	No gatherings over 10 and maintain >6ft physical distance		Gatherings up to 50 and maintain >6ft physical distance	Maintain >6ft physical distance

*High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled), including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.