



# 2021 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE JUSTIN H. WOODSON

HAWAI'I STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 9

KAHULUI, PU'UNĒNĒ, OLD SAND HILLS, MAUI LANI

## RETURN TO LEARN

The Department of Education (DOE) is working with state and federal agencies to develop guidelines to safely reopen schools in the fourth quarter of SY2020-21. They have released the following learning model recommendations based on cases by island.

| 7-day Daily Average per 100,000 population, by Island* | Percent Positivity | Consider the Following Learning Model   |
|--|--------------------|---|
| 0-2.0  | 0-0.99%            | In-person learning  |
| 2.1-5.0  | 1.0%-2.49%         | In-person learning for elementary students; blended learning for secondary students |
| 5.1-10.3   | 2.5%-5.0%          | Blended learning for students   |
| 10.4-15.4  | 5.1%-7.5%          | Blended learning for elementary students; learning from home for secondary students |
| 15.5+  | >7.5%              | Learn from home   |

**Above:** Department of Health Learning Model Parameters  
Source: Hawai'i DOE "Return to Learn"

- **Sports/ Athletics:** Starting March 8th, schools have been allowed to start athletic workouts and practices in accordance with the DOE's guidelines and four phases of activity. To be eligible, schools must either have an in-person or blended model of learning and the contact and equipment activity must align with their island's placement on DOE's learning model matrix (depicted above). This plan applies to athletic workouts and practices only, not interscholastic competitions.
- **Limited, In-Person Commencement Events:** On Feb. 25th, the DOE released guidelines allowing for limited, in-person school commencement and transition ceremonies. Ceremonies must be held outdoors or with adequate ventilation, graduates will be allowed to bring up to two household members as guests, and large schools are encouraged to seek alternative options if unable to host a safe, in-person ceremony.

As information is constantly changing, please find the most up-to-date information regarding the DOE's data and announcements at [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org)

*(All data and resources included in this newsletter are as recent as 3/18/2021)*

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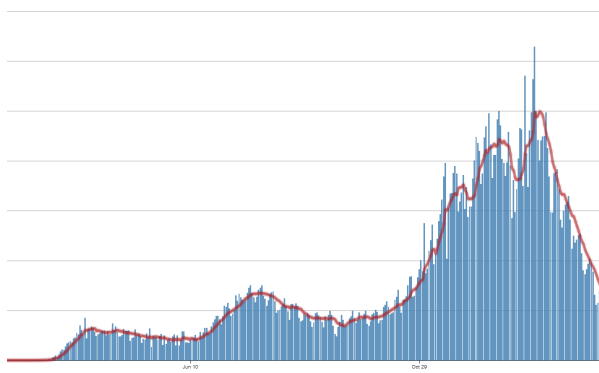
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PANDEMIC & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

- **Representative Woodson:** 586-6210
- **Maui Police Non-Emergency/ Report Abandoned Vehicles:** 244-6400
- **Maui Memorial Medical Ctr:** 244-9056
- **Kahului Airport (OGG):** 872-3830
- **Maui Emergency Mgmt. Agency:** 270-7285
- **Housing/ Human Concerns:** 270-7805
- **Ka Hale A Ke Ola Resource Center:** 242-7600
- **Central Maui Landfill:** 270-6153
- **Kahului DMV:** 270-7363
- **County- Office on Aging:** 270-7774
- **Kahului Fire Station:** 270-7911
- **Poison Control:** 800-222-1222



In January of 2021, COVID-19 cases were at an all-time high; however, the cases have been steadily decreasing since. As of mid-March, over 118,000,000 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered across the country. Of those doses, 518,000 were administered in the state of Hawai'i.

Maui is receiving an increasing amount of the Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, and the state will continue to administer the vaccine until everyone who wants a vaccine receives it.

**Daily COVID-19 case rates in the United States**

Updated as of March 18, 2021, Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

# VACCINE RESOURCES

**MAUI HEALTH**

- **Maui Memorial Medical Center:** M-F from 9 am - 5 pm
- **Maui Health Kihei Vaccine Clinic:** W-F from 9 am - 5pm

For more information, visit [MauiHealth.org/covidvaccine](http://MauiHealth.org/covidvaccine)  
Senior registration assistance available. Call 808-244-9056.

**LONGS DRUGS—KAHULUI**

Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine. Appointments mandatory.

Visit <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine> for more info.

**KAISER PERMANENTE/ MAUI LANI MEDICAL OFFICE**

Appointments M-F from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Register online at [www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org) or call 808-243-6000  
(Non-members check eligibility online)

**COMMUNITY CLINICS**

Malama I Ke Ola, Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Hāna Health, Minit Medical (clinics and mobile)  
\*\*Most are by-invitation to kupuna 70+ or specific priority groups  
Call Maui County Office of Aging 808-270-7774 to register.

**COMING SOON...**

- Maui Ola pharmacy drive-thru at Cameron Center, M-F from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. Qualifying patients call 808-446-3348
- Walgreens and Safeway Pharmacy locations
- Longs expanding locations

## Where Are You in the Vaccine Timeline?

**Essential Workers:**  
Workers who are in sectors essential to the functioning of society and are at substantially higher risk of getting COVID-19

**In Progress Phase 1a**

- Healthcare personnel
- Long-term care facility residents

**In Progress Phase 1b**

- First responders
- Frontline essential workers
- Adults 70+ years of age

**In Progress Phase 1c**

- Adults age 65 to 69 years
- Persons 16 to 64 years with high-risk medical conditions
- Essential workers not included in the previous group

**May 2021 Phase 2**

- Persons 16 years and older not in other categories

Details on vaccine distribution and supply are being regularly updated with new guidelines from the CDC and other authorities. Please keep informed by visiting [HawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine](http://HawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine)

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|----|---|
| 1A | Healthcare personnel, long-term care facility residents   |
| 1B | First responders, frontline essential workers, adults 70 years or older                             |
| 1C | Adults 65-69 years, persons 16 to 64 years w/ high-risk medical conditions, other essential workers |
| 2  | Remaining persons 16 years and older  |

**The vaccine program is a national program under the CDC and is administered in the state by the Department of Health. All vaccines being administered in Hawai'i are USDA-authorized and FREE.**

# KEY ISSUES

## HOUSING



### HB1376 HD2

**Relating to failure to pay rent.**

Amends a landlord's remedy for a tenant's failure to pay rent by: extending the period for a notice of rental agreement termination, specifying the notice's required contents, requiring landlords to provide the notice to mediation centers for free mediation and to enter if scheduled, delaying action filing if mediation is scheduled, and restricting when landlords may bring a summary proceeding for possession dependent on the amount of rent due.

### HB79 HD1

**Relating to affordable homeownership.**

Provides homeownership opportunities for low-income families by establishing a revolving fund to provide loans to nonprofit community development financial institutions and nonprofit housing development organizations for the development of affordable homeownership housing projects.

## EDUCATION



### HB613 HD2

**Relating to the Department of Education.**

Ensures school-level DOE employees remain employed through an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2020-2021 from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER funds) to offset budget reductions that would result in the reduction of personnel subject to a collective bargaining agreement and who are employed at the school level.

## KUPUNA



### HB940 HD2

**Relating to elders and vulnerable adults.**

Requires certain securities industry professionals to report suspected financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults to the Commissioner of Securities and to delay disbursement or transactions. Provides administrative and civil liability immunity for such reports and/or delays.

## ENVIRONMENT



### HB552 HD1

**Relating to clean ground transportation goals.**

Establishes staggered clean ground transportation goals for state agencies until achieving a 100% light-duty motor vehicle clean fleet by Dec. 31, 2035. Requires agencies to, when feasible and cost-effective, purchase vehicles that reduce dependence on petroleum-based fuels and to purchase construction materials that reduce the carbon footprint.

**Note:** You may locate these bills online at [capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov) to find the complete language and the most up-to-date actions. Please be advised that the status of these measures will continue to evolve as the session progresses.

## ACT 1. RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

HB1278 HD1 quickly made its way through the Hawai'i State House of Representatives and State Senate and was recently signed into law as Act 1 by Governor David Ige on March 2, 2021.

This bill will bring much needed unemployment insurance relief to employers and small businesses across the state by reducing employer contribution rates. Without these protections, struggling businesses would face the highest rate, Schedule H, at a time when they can least afford it. By lowering the rate to Schedule D, the Legislature intends to help our local economy stay afloat without layoffs or other cost-cutting measures that would negatively affect workers.



**Above:** Rep. Woodson and other members of the Filipino Caucus in a March meeting with Senator Mazie Hirono regarding US congressional initiatives.

**Aloha,**

I hope all is well with you and your 'ohana. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve you in the Hawai'i House of Representatives. As I am sure you are aware, we are in the midst of the 2021 legislative session. The Hawai'i State Legislature is focusing on legislation intended to assist with the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, balance the State's budget, and focus on crucial issues within our community.

In this newsletter, you will find several updates, information on key issues and legislation, and resources for assistance. Although this session is operating much differently than it has in the past, we are adapting quickly and operating at full capacity.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office should you need anything in the future - we are always happy to assist!

**Mahalo nui loa,**



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