

COVID-19 WEEK IN REVIEW

WEEK OF MARCH 30 - APRIL 5, 2020

COMMUNITY MOURNS THE DEATHS OF FIRST HAWAII PATIENTS TO SUCCUMB TO COVID-19 RELATED ILLNESSES

- Government leaders and community members mourned this week as four Hawai'i patients diagnosed with COVID-19 were the first COVID-19 related deaths reported in Hawai'i.
- As the State heads into its second full week under Governor Ige's statewide stay-at-home orders, State Representatives urged community members to remain vigilant and do their part in stopping the spread of COVID-19 by staying at home and adhering to social distancing guidelines to flatten the curve of COVID-19 patients so that Hawaii's healthcare system will not be overwhelmed.

GOVERNOR IGE'S INTERISLAND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 1

- Beginning on Wednesday April 1, Governor Ige's Interisland Travel Orders went into effect requiring interisland travelers to self-quarantine and self-monitor for 14 days while away from their island of residence.
- Those traveling to perform essential functions such as traveling for medical reason or for work related to critical infrastructure sectors are exempt from the interisland self-quarantine requirement.
- Those who must travel to perform an essential function are required to fill out an Interisland Declaration Form, wear appropriate masks, and follow all social distancing requirements.

HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD PARTIALLY ACTIVATED TO ASSIST THE STATE'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

- On Friday April 3, Governor Ige announced that 292 members of the Hawai'i National Guard will be partially activated to assist the State's response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- This order follows President Trump's Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Hawai'i and FEMA Region IX's review of Governor Ige's Title 32 request. Title 32 Status allows the Governor to activate the National Guard to aid with services related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Leading these efforts, Maj. Gen. Kenneth Hara named Brig. Gen. Moses Kaoui Jr. as the Hawai'i National Guard Joint Task Force Commander.
- Beginning on April 6, the National Guard will assist HI-EMA personnel with security and medical screening at airports.
- Future support from the Hawaii National Guard will include law enforcement support, county emergency management support, healthcare support, and more.

CAPITOL OFFICES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- Consistent with Governor Ige's statewide stay-at-home order, House Speaker Scott Saiki announced the extension of closure for the Capitol offices of the House of Representatives.
- In a memo to House Members and staff, Speaker Saiki stated, "House Members may determine their own office hours and staffing needs based on their respective circumstances."
- Hawaii residents can continue to contact their Representatives by phone, email, or social media.

THE WEEK AHEAD: APRIL 6, 2020

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS (COV) TO MEET ON MONDAY, APRIL 6

- The House Committee on COVID-19 Economic & Financial Preparedness (COV) will meet on **Monday, April 6 at 10:00 AM.**
- The public will be able to view the meeting remotely.
 - 'Ōlelo Community Media will broadcast the meeting to O'ahu and neighbor islands **live on Channel 49** and **live to the neighbor islands.**
 - If viewing from the neighbor islands, viewers should check with Na Leo (Hawaii Island), Akaku (Maui, Molokai, Lanai), and Hoike (Kauai) for the appropriate channels assigned for their island broadcast.
 - The meeting will also be livestreamed on Ōlelo's website, olelo.org.
- No public testimony will be accepted.
- The Select Committee will receive updates on: (1) State of the Economy; (2) Business Interruption Insurance; (3) Governor's Economic Recovery Task Force; (4) Food Industry; and (5) Other Issues.
- The March 30 meeting notes are available [here, and on the Capitol's House Select Committee Webpage](#) along with materials such as:
 - Select Committee Meeting Notices, Agendas, and Videos; and
 - Documents provided to the House Select Committee such as
 - List of COVID-19 Response Non-Profit Partners (dated 3/30/2020);
 - Shovel Ready Capital Improvement Projects Organized by Department (dated 3/30/2020);
 - UHERO Interim Forecast Update (dated 3/12/2020);
 - Daily Shipping Updates; and Fishing Industry Updates
- [Visit the House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic & Financial Preparedness \(COV\) Webpage.](#)