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**Statement by John De Fries, President and CEO, Hawai'i Tourism Authority
Re: Mayor Blangiardi Easing Capacity Restrictions, Starting November 3**

HONOLULU – John De Fries, president and CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), issued the following statement in response to Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi's announcement today about the lifting of capacity restrictions in the City and County of Honolulu. Capacity restrictions for indoor and outdoor events will be eased beginning November 3.

"Mayor Blangiardi's decision to ease indoor and outdoor venue capacity requirements on O'ahu is welcomed news to our community and visitor industry. The timing will allow residents and businesses to more fully enjoy the holidays and is an important step toward our economic recovery and improving the overall experience of being in Hawai'i during this festive time of year. We continue to encourage those who can get vaccinated to do so and for everyone to follow the recommended safety guidelines of wearing masks and maintaining a safe distance from others."

The City and County of Honolulu's Safe Access O'ahu program requires all customers and employees of certain businesses, such as restaurants, bars, gyms and museums, to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result to enter the indoor areas of an establishment. For more information, visit www.oneoahu.org.

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About the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

The [Hawai'i Tourism Authority](http://www.hawaii-tourismauthority.org) is the State of Hawai'i agency responsible for strategically managing its support of the tourism industry. Established in 1998 to support Hawai'i's leading industry and largest employer, HTA continually strives to help ensure tourism's sustainability and the benefits it brings to residents and communities statewide.

For more information about HTA, please visit www.hawaii-tourismauthority.org. Follow updates from HTA (@HawaiiHTA) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and its new [YouTube Channel](#).

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