



# COVID-19 Vaccinations

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# Prioritizing Hotels in Tier 1c

- An important industry for our economy and communities
- Recent cases and clusters
- 1a and 1b workers continue to be vaccinated
- Scheduling appointments for Tier 1c employees via vaccination points-of-dispensing (“POD”)



**State of Hawai'i**  
**Weekly COVID-19 Cluster Report**  
March 11, 2021

**Key Updates: COVID-19 Cases Associated with Travel**

- The Hawai'i State Department of Health has monitored COVID-19 cases associated with **international, domestic, and interisland travel** since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the global emergence and spread of COVID-19 variant strains, travel related cases are of increasing concern. The following cases do not meet cluster criteria, but illustrate issues raised by cases associated with travel.
- A total of **nine (9)** cases of the **B.1.1.7 variant** of COVID-19 (also known as the U.K. variant) have been identified in Hawai'i to date, all on Oahu. The **three (3)** most recently identified B.1.1.7. cases were associated with travel to **Las Vegas, Nevada**.
  - Two adult travel companions became symptomatic during travel in late February. They had elected to observe travel quarantine rather than seeking pretravel testing. One sought medical attention for shortness of breath three days after return and tested positive for COVID-19. Routine laboratory testing identified a “molecular clue” indicating a potential variant and **whole genome sequencing** performed by Hawai'i State Laboratories Division confirmed it as B.1.1.7. Two household members without recent travel outside Hawai'i later tested positive for COVID-19 and were confirmed to have the B.1.1.7. variant. The other travel companion also tested positive and is presumed to be infected with the B.1.1.7 strain. Additional household contacts who tested negative are quarantined and continue to be monitored.
- The Department of Health also recently identified **a case of COVID-19 in a fully vaccinated Hawai'i healthcare worker** which was **associated with recent travel to the mainland United States**.
  - An Oahu healthcare worker received two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with recommended vaccine guidelines, completing the vaccine series in early January 2021. The individual then traveled to multiple mainland U.S. cities approximately one month later. Pre-travel testing was performed for the individual and a travel companion in preparation for returning to Hawai'i. Results were received after the travelers arrived back in Hawai'i; both individuals tested positive. **Neither developed symptoms, and no transmission to close contacts occurred.** Laboratory specimens were not able to be obtained for sequencing.
- Guidance for travelers can be found at **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel During COVID-19**: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>
  - Do NOT travel if you were exposed to COVID-19, you are sick or you test positive for COVID-19.
  - **Wear a mask** over your nose and mouth when in public settings and especially on planes, buses, trains and other forms of public transportation, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.
  - Get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before your trip and **do not travel if you test positive**.
  - Get tested again with a viral test 3-5 days after your trip and **stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel**, even if your test is negative. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
  - If you are eligible, **get fully vaccinated for COVID-19 before you travel** (wait 2 weeks after completing your series before travel). Even though vaccines cannot prevent every case of COVID-19, they are effective in reducing your chance of being infected, and highly effective in preventing severe illness and death.

Hawai'i State Department of Health | Disease Outbreak Control Division | <https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019> | 1

# General Appointment Issues

- POCs will likely assist employees who have difficulty registering online (regardless of appointment scheduling option)
- Vendor working on a centralized appointment site to eliminate “shopping” for an appointment and increasing scheduling flexibility
  - Paired with a local call center offering support in all languages; staff can register callers with proper permission
- **Vaccinations are FREE for everyone**, regardless of insurance status

# Preparing for Your Vaccination

- Do not take other vaccinations within 2 weeks of your COVID vaccination
- No current data on the safety of the COVID vaccine in pregnant women; consult your doctor
- Unsure about the vaccination? Call your doctor
- Do not take fever- or pain-reducing medication prior to your vaccination unless otherwise instructed by your doctor
- Take a government-issued photo ID, medical insurance card, appointment confirmation documentation

# Appointment Options

- **OPTION #1: Self-serve scheduling**

Notify your staff to register at any of the public vaccination sites

- Pros: Maximum choice of location, potentially faster to secure an appointment, potential to choose vaccination type
- Cons: “Shopping” for an appointment, no guarantees for an appointment in the near-term

- **OPTION #2: Send lists to HLTA**

- Pros: Guaranteed appointments, POD staff support with registration, increased vaccination rates
- Cons: Little-to-no choice of location, may take a few days longer to make an appointment, not all PODs offer all vaccination types

# OPTION 1: Self-Serve Scheduling



# Option 1: Locations

- <https://hawaiicovid19.com/vaccination-registration/>
- All locations except CVS/Longs are accepting Tier 1c hospitality workers



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## Who is being vaccinated and how do I sign-up?

People age 65 and older, healthcare workers, individuals with chronic medical conditions that put them at high risk if infected with COVID, frontline essential workers in phase 1b and essential workers in phase 1c are all eligible to receive the vaccine. Registration is now open to the following groups to schedule a vaccine appointment:

- Those 65 and older;
- Individuals on dialysis;
- People with severe respiratory disease who are on oxygen; and
- Those undergoing chemotherapy or other infusion therapy.
- Essential workers employed at hotels, restaurants, and bars.



People in the above groups are encouraged to schedule vaccinations immediately through vaccination providers listed below. At this time, age is being used in place of identifying other specific health issues because data often shows a correlation between

# Option 1: Locations

## Adventist Health Castle (640 Ulukahiki Street, Kailua)

- Filled through 4/3/21
- New appointments released first and last Mondays
- Offers a waitlist
- Help line: (808) 263-5002
- <https://castlehealthgrouphawaii.com/#toggle-id-4>



# Option 1: Locations

## Queen's Health @Blaisdell Concert Hall (777 Ward Avenue, Honolulu)

- Self-attestation (“Essential Worker: Hospitality”)
- Generally Pfizer
- Help Line: 808-691-2222
- <https://covid.queens.org/vaccine/>

# Option 1: Locations

- Hawaii Pacific Health @Pier 2 (521 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu)
- Self-attestation
- Set schedule for Moderna (S,S,M) and Pfizer (W,Th,F)
- Help Line: **808-691-2222**
- <https://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org/hph-covid-19-updates/vaccine-update/>

# Option 1: Locations

## Kaiser Permanente @West Oahu Locations

- Self-attestation
- Kaiser and non-Kaiser members
- Slightly longer registration process for non-Kaiser members
- <https://healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/hawaii/health-wellness/coronavirus-information/covid-vaccine>

OPTION 2:  
Send Lists to HLTA

## Option 2: Locations

- All the aforementioned locations
- +Leeward Community College and Windward Health Center PODs
- Must provide the information as requested in the spreadsheet

			Zip Code (Home or Business)		
First Name*	Last Name*	Email*		Island	Phone*

# Tier 1c Expansion

- Anticipate it will be 1-2 weeks to open to all hospitality & visitor industries
- Age-based appointments available at all locations, including CVS
  - Current age group is 65+
- High-risk medical conditions appointments currently available at all locations
  - Dialysis dependent kidney disease
  - Oxygen dependent lung or heart disease
  - Cancer or autoimmune disease on active chemotherapy or immunosuppressive medication therapy at an infusion center



Q&A



*Thank You*