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**HAWAII MANDATES 14-DAY QUARANTINE FOR ALL ARRIVALS
INTO STATE EFFECTIVE MARCH 26**

HONOLULU – Effective March 26 at 12:01 a.m., Hawai'i Governor David Ige is mandating all visitors arriving in the Hawaiian Islands to self-quarantine for 14 days. The mandate, which is the first such action in the nation, applies to all arrivals at state airports from the continental U.S. and international destinations and extends to other private and commercial aircrafts.

This mandate follows Governor Ige's request on March 17 that all travelers suspend their travel to Hawai'i for 30 days. He also requested the closure of all bars, clubs, theaters, entertainment centers and visitor attractions across the state. Restaurants were also asked to close or provide drive-thru, take out, pick-up or delivery. The Hawai'i State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) also closed all Hawai'i state parks, in addition to commercial ocean and trail tours on March 20.

"Hawai'i has a long-standing tradition of welcoming visitors from around the world," said John Monahan, president and CEO of the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB). "Like other destinations around the globe, the health and well-being of our visitors, visitor industry employees, 'ohana (families), our communities, health care professionals and healthcare system is our primary focus at this time."

Monahan added "We are urging visitors to postpone their trips to Hawai'i to give us the opportunity to curtail the impacts of COVID-19 in our communities and be better prepared to welcome travelers back to the islands when the time is right. We extend our *mahalo* (thanks) to everyone for their understanding during these challenging times."

All visitors arriving through Hawai'i's airports will be required to complete a Hawai'i Department of Agriculture form that will be distributed onboard their flight. They will retain the form when disembarking the aircraft. Upon arrival, they will go through a checkpoint and present the completed form with a valid identification. Checkpoint staff will validate the form and issue documentation that certifies they cleared the checkpoint. The form also includes information on the mandatory requirements for the 14-day quarantine along with penalties.

Failure to follow this order is a misdemeanor and punishable by a maximum fine of \$5,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both. Enforcement will be handled by each of Hawai'i's four counties.

Complete details of the mandate are available in [Governor Ige's news releases](#) and in the [second supplemental emergency proclamation](#) issued on March 21.

Island County Mayors Take Action Too

Additionally, the mayors of the City and County of Honolulu and Maui County issued emergency orders on March 22 requiring all individuals to shelter in place, or stay at home and work from home, except for certain essential activities and work to provide essential business and government services.

The [City and County of Honolulu's order](#) is effective as of March 23 at 4:30 p.m. and will continue through April 30 at 4:30 p.m.

[Maui County's order](#) is effective as of March 25 at 12:01 a.m. and will continue through April 30.

It is anticipated that the mayors of Kaua'i County and the County of Hawai'i will issue similar orders this week.

For current updates about the COVID-19 situation in Hawai'i, visit [GoHawaii.com](#) or [HawaiiTourismAuthority.org](#).

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About HVCB

The Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau is contracted by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) for marketing management services in the continental U.S. The HTA, the state of Hawai'i's tourism agency, was established in 1998 to ensure a successful visitor industry well into the future. Its mission is to strategically manage Hawai'i tourism in a sustainable manner consistent with the state of Hawai'i's economic goals, cultural values, preservation of natural resources, community desires, and visitor industry needs. For more information about the Hawaiian Islands, visit [gohawaii.com](#).

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