

# OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR

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## Mayor's Emergency Rule #25

### **Purpose**

The County of Kaua'i's travel restrictions are revised to reflect recent experience with the spread of COVID-19. Since the County opted out of the State's Safe Travels program in December 2020, the incidence rate of COVID-19 cases has dropped substantially, first on Kaua'i, and later in the State of Hawai'i and nationally. Over the past two months, the County and the State Department of Health have been able stand up a robust vaccination program on the island. Kaua'i now has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country and will continue to offer vaccines to more residents.

These positive changes reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 in our community. Therefore, the County will return to the State's Safe Travels program by repealing Mayor's Emergency Rules 14, 15, 17, and 23.

Governor David Y. Ige's Eighteenth Proclamation (hereinafter the "Governor's Proclamation") allows counties to make exemptions to the Intercounty Travel Quarantine. The County will continue to have a negative test exception for intercounty travel, but will remove the requirement that travelers be present in the State of Hawai'i for 72 hours prior to traveling to Kaua'i.

### **Rule**

The County of Kaua'i shall have a negative test exception to the Intercounty Travel Quarantine pursuant to Section V of Governor's Proclamation.

Intercounty travelers five and older who provide written confirmation from a State Department of Health ("DOH") approved COVID-19 testing facility of a negative test result, using a DOH-approved form, from an observed test administered to the traveler within 72 hours from the final leg of departure prior to arrival into the County are exempt from quarantine. Persons under the age of five accompanied by a traveler who meets the negative test exception are not required to obtain a test prior to arrival.

If a traveler has made one or more trips entering the State or traveling between counties after a test is administered, then that test shall not meet the requirement of an approved COVID-19 test for purposes of the negative test exception to enter the County of Kaua'i.

Tests administered within the County of Kaua'i shall not meet the requirement of an approved COVID-19 test for purposes of the negative test exception.

Test results must be uploaded into the State's Safe Travels system and clearance upon arrival at a County of Kaua'i port-of-entry shall be conducted in accordance with the State's Safe Travels program.

This rule is in accordance with the Governor's Proclamation, and adopted pursuant to HRS § 127A-25. This rule has the force and effect of law and supersedes any conflicting provisions of the

Governor's Proclamation or Mayor's Emergency Rules to the limited extent necessary to ensure the operation of this rule. This rule repeals Mayor's Emergency Rules 14, 15, 17, and 23 and any subsequent amendments thereto.

**Term**

Effective April 5, 2021, subject to modification.

APPROVED FOR FORM & LEGALITY:



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