

This is a message from your County Government to all the people of Hawai'i Island:

This is about the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this date there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Hawai'i County, but our community must come together and take action to prevent its potential spread. It is known that two confirmed cases have been identified on the island of Oahu. We may not be able to stop the virus from getting to Hawai'i Island, but with your help we will minimize its impact on families and our community.

The County of Hawai'i is fully committed to working with State, Federal and private partners. Your County has activated task forces to provide coordinated medical responses, educational and prevention programs. As community partners, you can make a positive difference right now by staying informed, following health advisories and taking action to protect yourselves, your family and your community.

Understand that most people who get the virus will not even know they have it, so we must be smart as we go about our everyday activities. Simple things like washing hands, disinfecting counters, and greeting friends with a wave instead of a handshake or a hug can really make a big difference.

Additionally, ALL gatherings should be evaluated on two issues:

- First, should it be held?
- Secondly, if it is to be held, under what conditions and what measures can be taken to minimize risk to people?

Your County government is now evaluating all activities under its authority.

This is a Community Issue, and it will take Community Involvement. And that's the key – YOU will make the difference.

Thank you for your help, thank you for caring, and thank you for listening. This is your Hawai'i County government.

*For more information, call Civil Defense at 935-0031. The hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.*