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NOTICE

Hawaii “Stay-at-Home” Order

To further combat the spread of COVID-19, the Governor of Hawaii, David Ige, has issued an executive order directing all state residents to limit movements outside of their homes beyond essential needs and ceasing the operation of non-essential businesses. This order shall take effect on March 25, 2020 at 12:01AM and remain in place until 11:59PM on April 30, 2020. The Governor’s executive order is available at <https://t.co/e7fxkrLIUh>.

How does this impact foreign missions and their members?

Foreign missions may continue to perform essential government operations in Hawaii. However, all foreign missions are expected to adopt strategies aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, such as maximizing opportunities for their members to work from home (“telework”), applying social distancing of at least six feet, and avoiding local travel unless required for purposes of protecting health, safety, and protection of property.

When not performing those functions, foreign mission personnel and their dependents are expected to fully comply with the requirements of Governor’s order, as well as any other applicable orders issued by local or municipal authorities.

Additionally, the Governor’s order requires the following of all essential businesses and operations (including foreign missions) during the period covered by the referenced executive order:

- **shall make hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers.**
- **shall implement separate operating hours for elderly and high-risk customers.**
- **shall post online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone or remotely.**

The Department appreciates your patience and understanding as local authorities begin to implement these new restrictions.

Questions or Issues

Inquiries concerning the impacts of COVID-19 and the associated responsive effort on the operation of foreign missions in the United States should be transmitted by electronic mail to OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov.

Resources

- COVID-19 in Hawaii: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/>
- CDC's Coronavirus Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- CDC's Interim Guidance for Business and Employers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- Compilation of circular diplomatic notes and notices released by OFM concerning COVID-19: <https://www.state.gov/circular-notes-and-notices-covid-19/>
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