

Connecting on The Road to Home

MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES - AUGUST 23, 2021



Housekeeping Reminders

Please Mute Your Microphone. Enter Questions in the Chat Box.

A recording of this webinar and copies of the presentation materials will be available online at https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/monthly-webinars/



General Updates

COVID-19 testing & vaccination for homelessness facilities on Oahu

Contact Project Vision Hawaii at (808) 201-3937, or contact Laura Thielen at PIC at (808) 380-9444

Webinar regarding Operation Expanded Testing (ET)

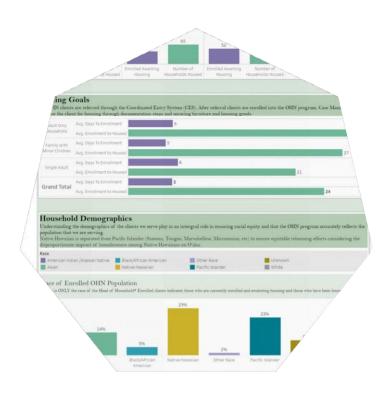
<u>Information regarding free testing for congregate shelters and other homeless programs available at https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/covid</u>

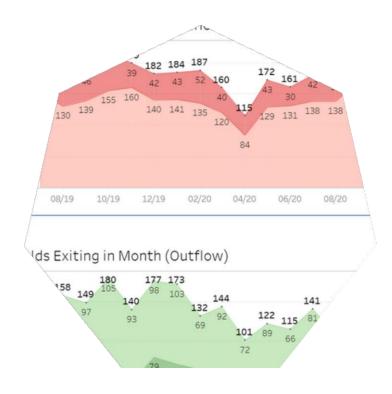
CDC Eviction Order and Other Helpful Eviction Resources

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Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates

General updates from Bridging The Gap (Neighbor Islands) and Partners In Care (Oahu)







Oahu Housing Now

CARES Act Funding Dashboards

Emergency Housing Vouchers



Dr. Curtis Toma
Med-QUEST Medical Director;
Department of Human Services

Dr. Curtis Toma, Med-QUEST
Medical Director of the Hawaii
Department of Human Services will
provide an update on the COVID-19
situation.



Alexis Mukaida
Civil Rights Advocate
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii

She will speak about HUD's reaffirmation of the Equal Access rule, as well as Fair Housing issues that may come up in the fallout of the eviction moratorium.

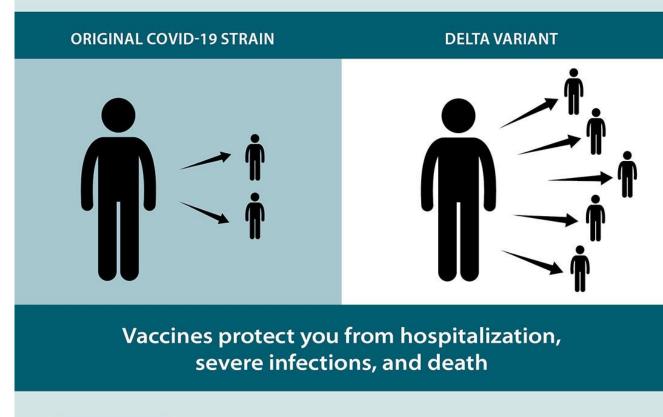
The delta makes a difference: Hawaii Data

Curtis Toma, MD

Med-Quest Medical Director

August 20, 2021

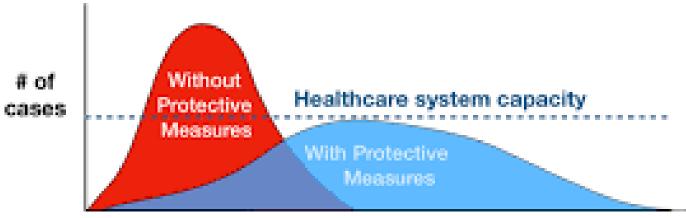
The Delta variant is more contagious than previous strains—it may cause more than 2x as many infections





cdc.gov/coronavirus

CS 322041-AA 08/02/2021



Time since first case

Adapted from CDC / The Economist

Case Surge

2021: Triple 2020 and rising

7 day Ave:

8/22/21 = 670

8/2020 = 200-250

Hospital Surge

2021: Recently passes 2020 peak

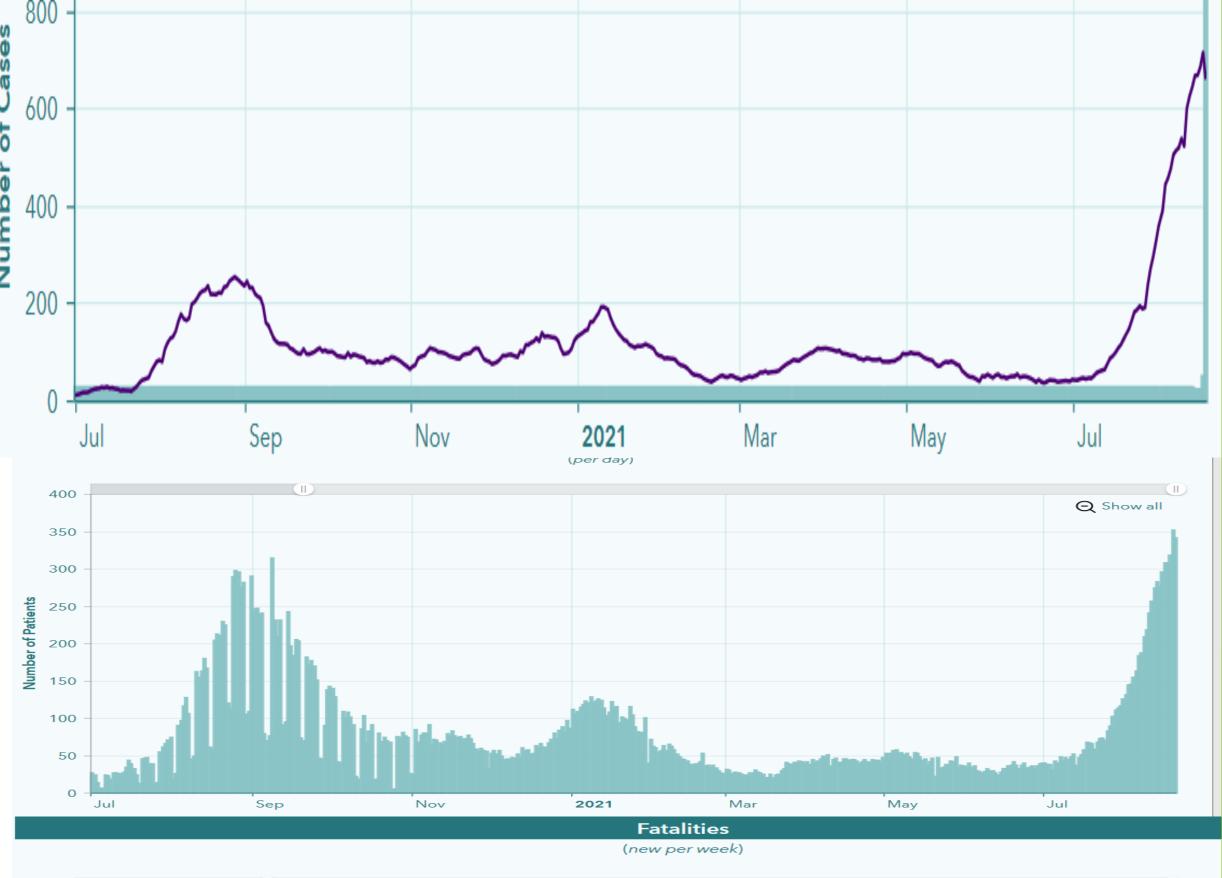
State Oahu 8/22/21 = 390 310

8/2020 = 290 250

Mortality

2021: Lower than 2020

Est 2021 < 2020





Hawaii Covid Surge: Aug 2021 vs Aug 2020

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Case Surge = 2021 = Triple x 2020 and rise slowing
2021 = Oahu + BI + Maui, 2020 = Oahu
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Hospital Surge = 2021 > 2020 and rising, approaching 1.5 x 2020

2021 = Oahu + BI + Maui 2020 = Oahu only

2021 = Middle Age and young adult up relative to 2020 surge

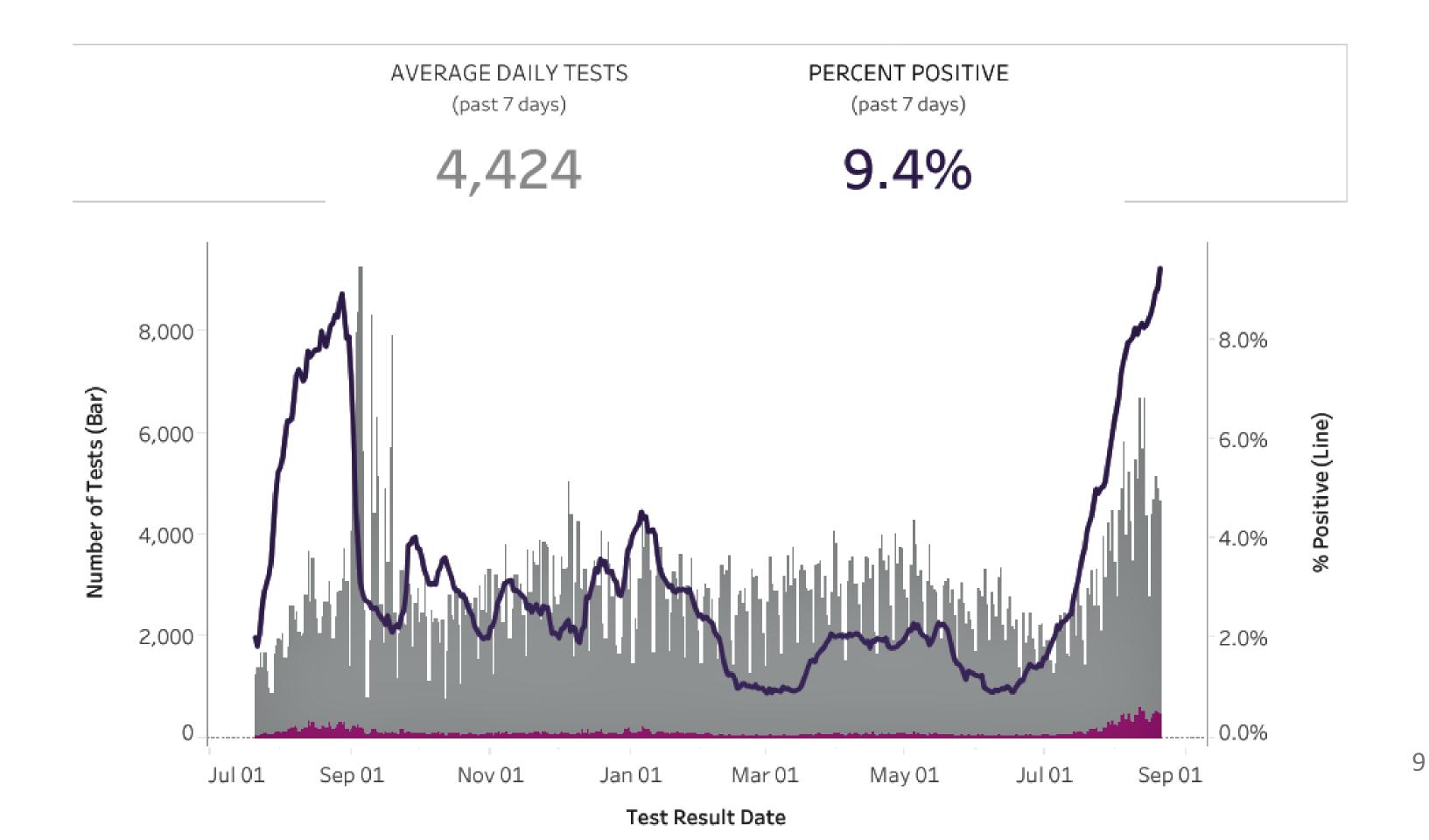
Mortality = 2021 < 2020

Resources = 2021 > > 2020

PPE, Treatment, Rx, Clinical knowledge, Vaccine 12/2020

Isolation and Quarantine?

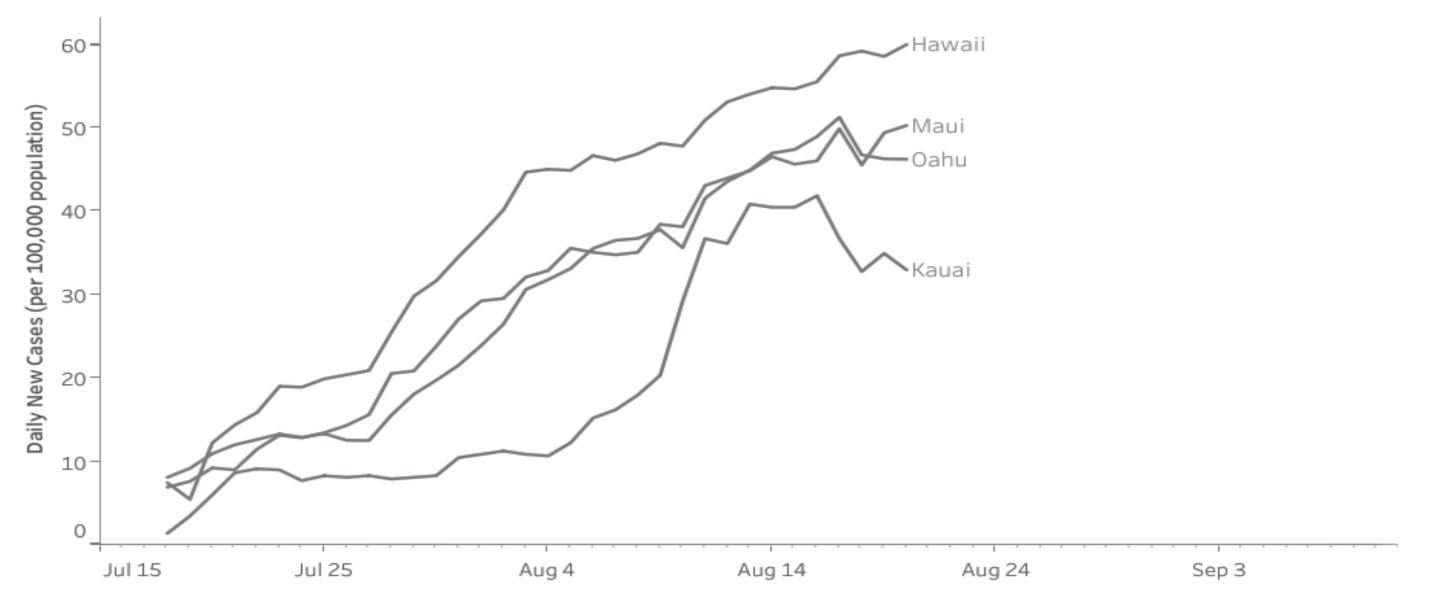
Oahu % Positive



Rate/100K Rank (cases by island per capita) Region % Pos 8.1% State 48 Rising BI 8.0 % Highest, but rate slowing **60** Oahu 46 9.4 % High, % Pos highest. Tracking Oahu slope, recent slowing Maui 7.0 % **50 33** 4.7 % Recent rise, now slowing Kauai

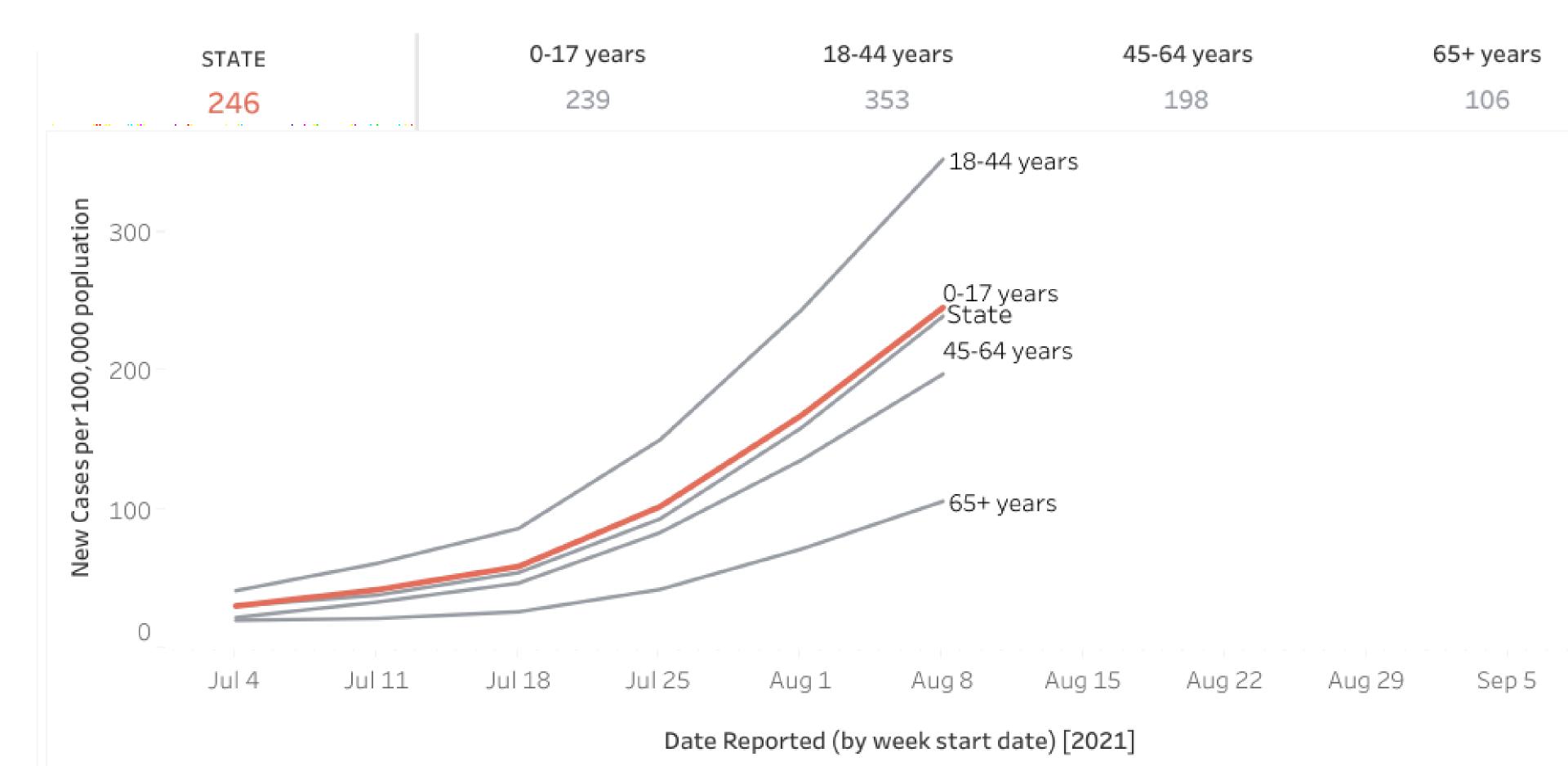
7-day Average Daily New Cases (per 100,000 population)

State	Hawaii	Kauai	Lanai	Maui	Molokai	Oahu
47.6	60.0	33.0	22.8	50.3	56.4	46.3



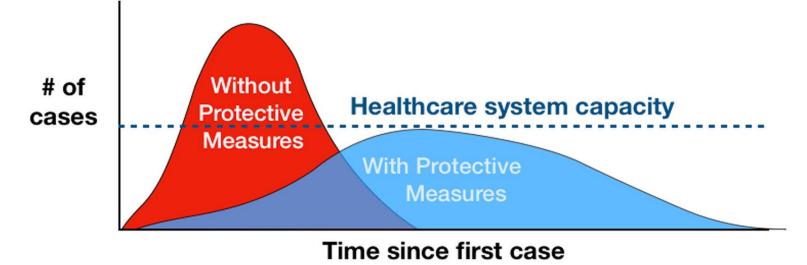
Weekly New Cases per 100,000 Population

Hover over an age group to highlight on chart



Hawaii Covid Hospitalizations (Statewide)

Aug	2020	Peak 25	0-300	
Sept	2020	Decreas	ing	
Oct 2020 - July 2021		Low x 1	0 month	S
7/25 -> 7/3	1 wk 1	80 >	120	(up 40/wk)
8/1 -> 8/7	wk 2	120 >	180	(up 60/wk)
8/8 -> 8/14	1 wk 3	180 >	280	(up 100/wk)
8/15 -> 8/21	wk 4	280 >	380	(up 100/wk)
8/22 -> 8/23	wk 5	380 >	410	(prelim data)
8/15 - > 8/2	1 Oahu	230 >	310	(up 80/wk)

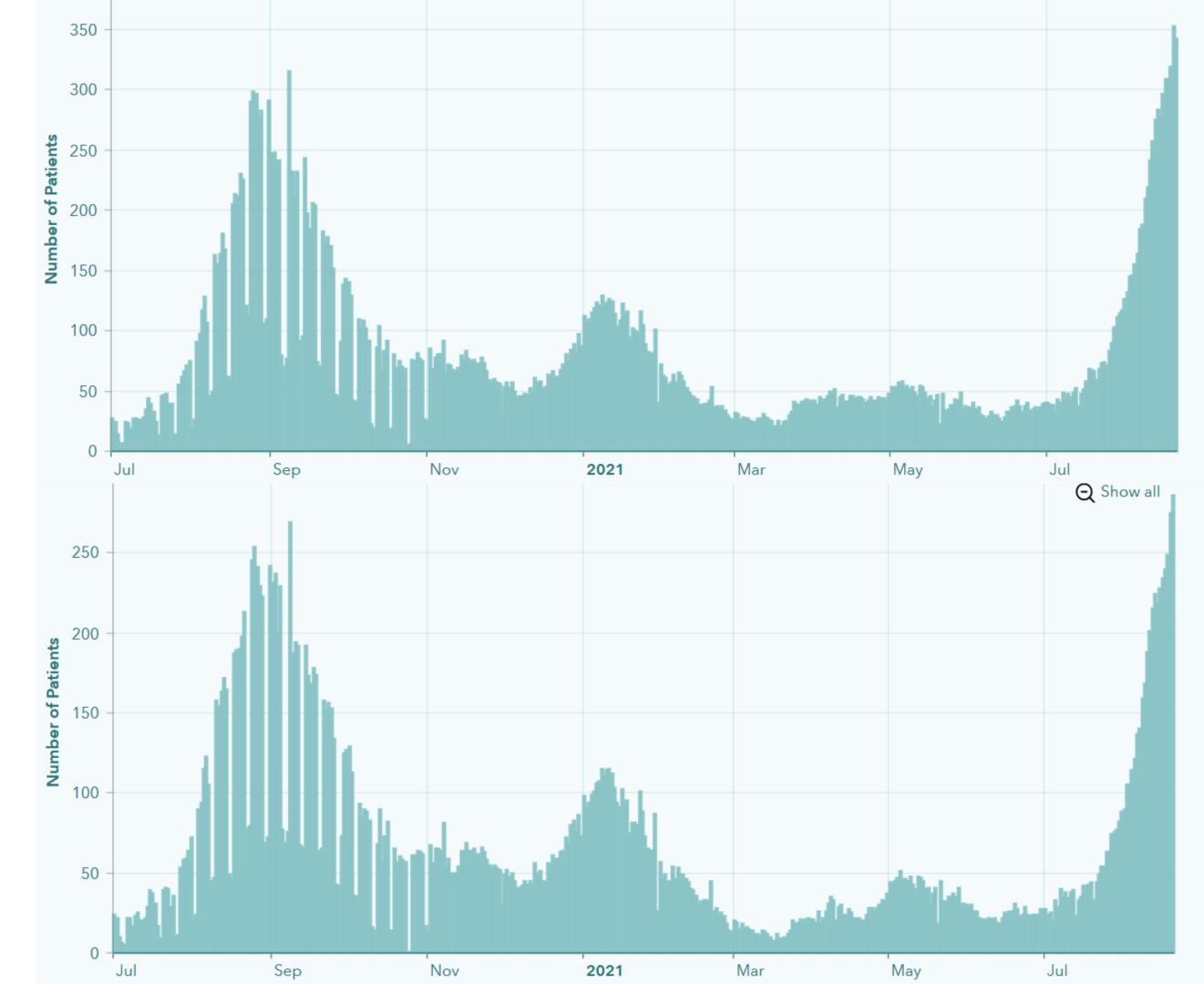


Adapted from CDC / The Economist

Hospital admissions lag about one week behind case increase

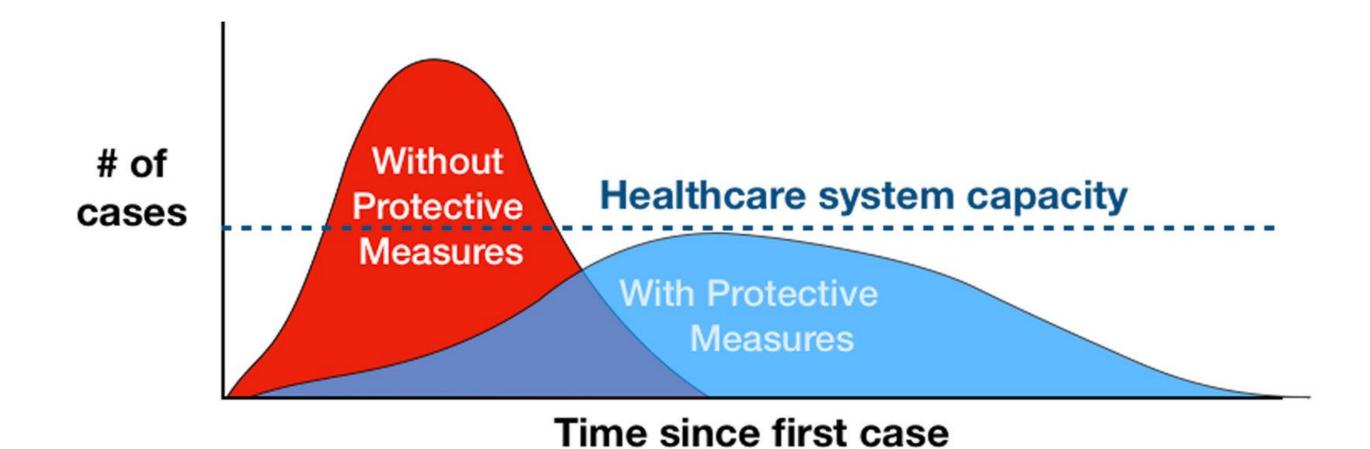
State Covid Inpatient chart updated 8/18/21 Passed state 2020 peak 8/14/21

Oahu Covid Inpatient chart updated 8/18/21 Passed Oahu peak 8/16/21

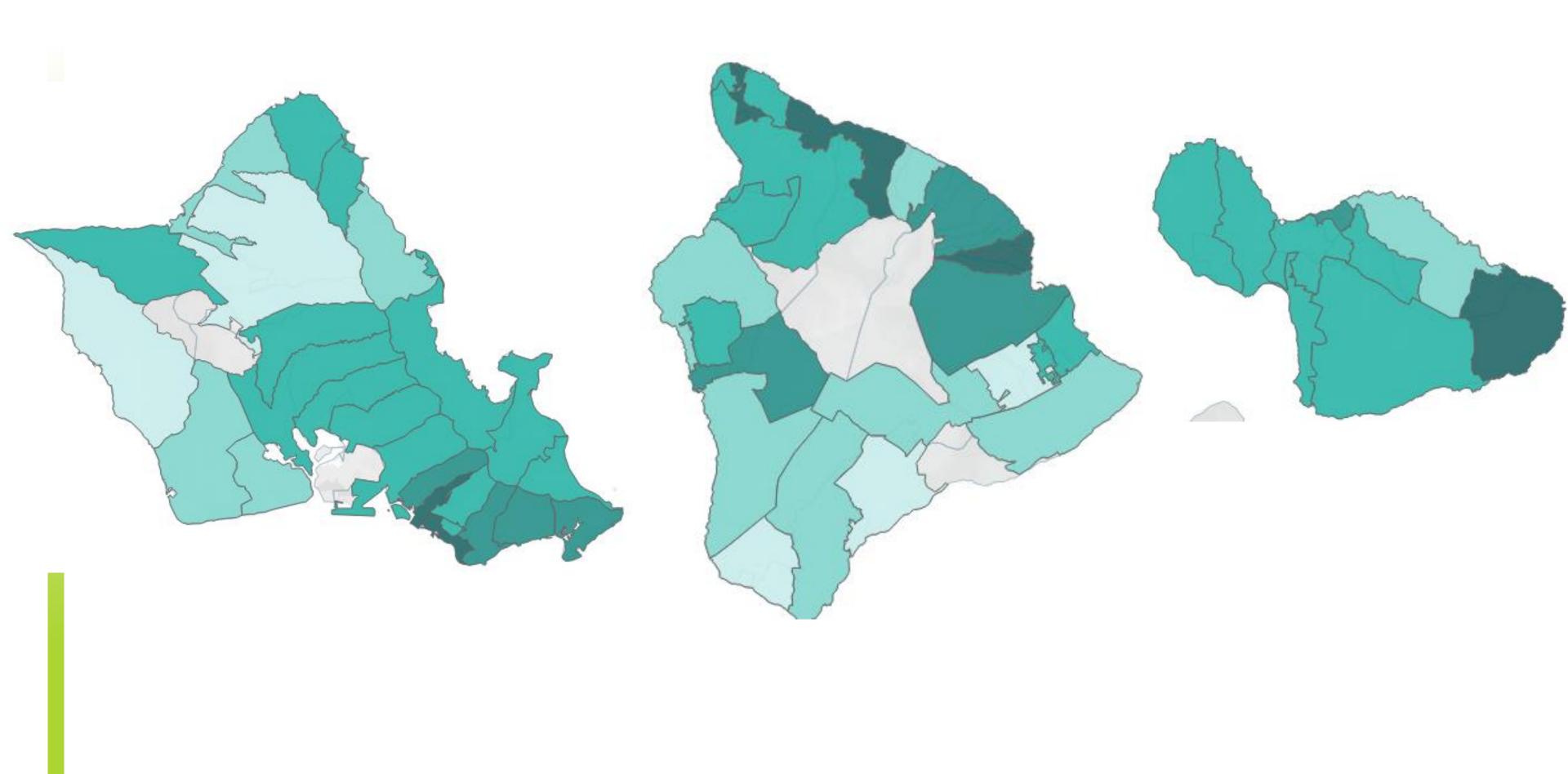


Hawaii Covid Hospitalizations (Statewide)

- Total Hospitalizations (Covid + Non Covid) is higher than 2020 even prior to surge
- Covid specific hospitalization now above 2020 peak State, Oahu, BI.
- 2020 Hospital peak predominantly Oahu and predominantly elderly (pre vaccine)
- 2021 Hospital peak more widespread, Oahu + NI (BI and Maui), more middle age
- Hospital Admissions surge: Lags ~ 1 week behind Covid case surge
- Hospital surge is typically wider (takes longer to come down) than case surge.
- Statewide Covid Hosp: 80 % Oahu, 20 % NI



Adapted from CDC / The Economist



Covid Vaccine Completed by Geography

Hawaii Covid Immunizations (8/15/2021)

	Total pop	12+ pop	
State	62 %	72 %	
Oahu	64 %	74 %	
ВІ	58 %	68 %	
Maui	55 %	65 %	
Kauai	61 %	72 %	

Targets

Goal: 70 % of total pop and for all islands (State likely to increase target in future)

Shorter Term60 % for BI and Maui, or 70% for 12+ on BI and Maui

Trends: Rural, Low Income, Native Hawaiian, Age, Age/County

Covid Immunization Status and Delta Virus

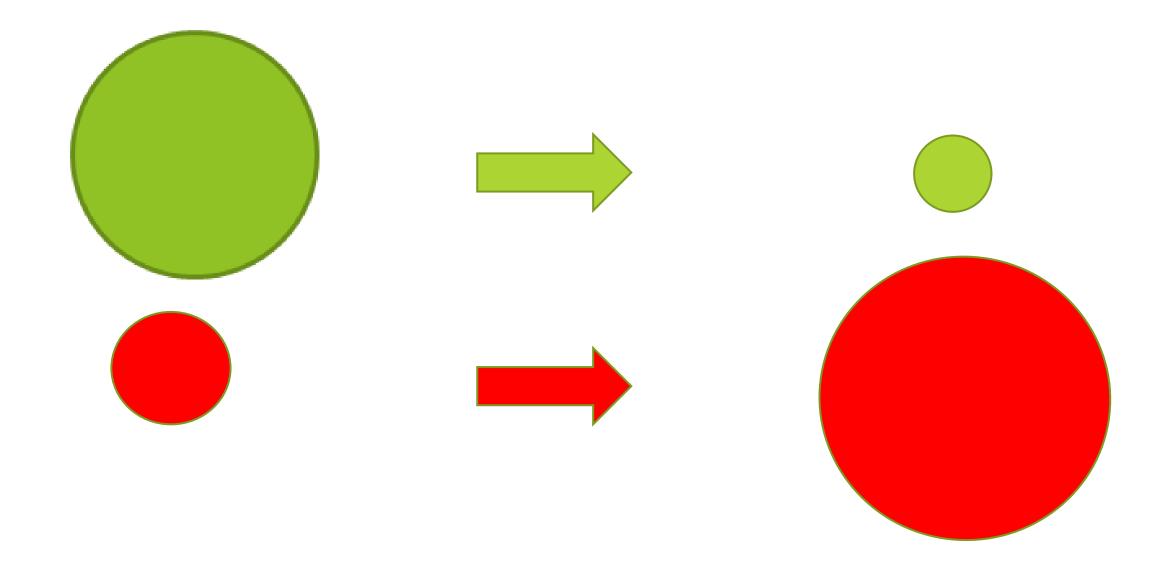
Vaccinated

- Less Likely to get Covid
- Less symptomatic and less likely to spread Covid
- Less "sick"
- Less likely to be hospitalized
- Protects against delta

Unvaccinated

- More likely to get Covid
- More symptomatic and more likely to spread Covid
- ► More "sick"
- More likely to be hospitalized
- No protection against delta

Third shot booster shot being considered by CDC for immunocompromised, elderly, ID. Guidance soon. Also, possible guidance for second shot J&J.



Top Green: (12 +) vaccinated = 74 % Oahu

(18+) vaccinated = 80 % Oahu

-> 10 % Oahu hosp

> 10 % Oahu hosp

Bottom Red: (12 +) unvaccinated = 26 % Oahu

(18+) unvaccinated = 20 % Oahu

-> 90 % Oahu hosp

-> 90 % Oahu hosp

Delta Surge: What can we do

Primary Goals

- Address Surge Capacity Issues
 Decompress hospitals esp discharges
 Expedite Covid and Non Covid Discharges
 Streamline process for IsoQ placement
 Contact Tracing
- 2) Encourage Covid vaccination silver lining, recent uptick in vaccines

Covid Cases

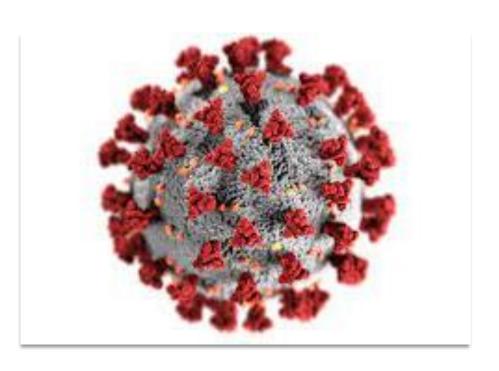
Anticipate Covid Case Surge, Prepare

"Don't Fear Covid, But Respect It"

All surges by definition have an end point

Case vs Hospitalizations vs Mortality Mortality Data Perspectives





"Don't Fear Covid But Respect It"

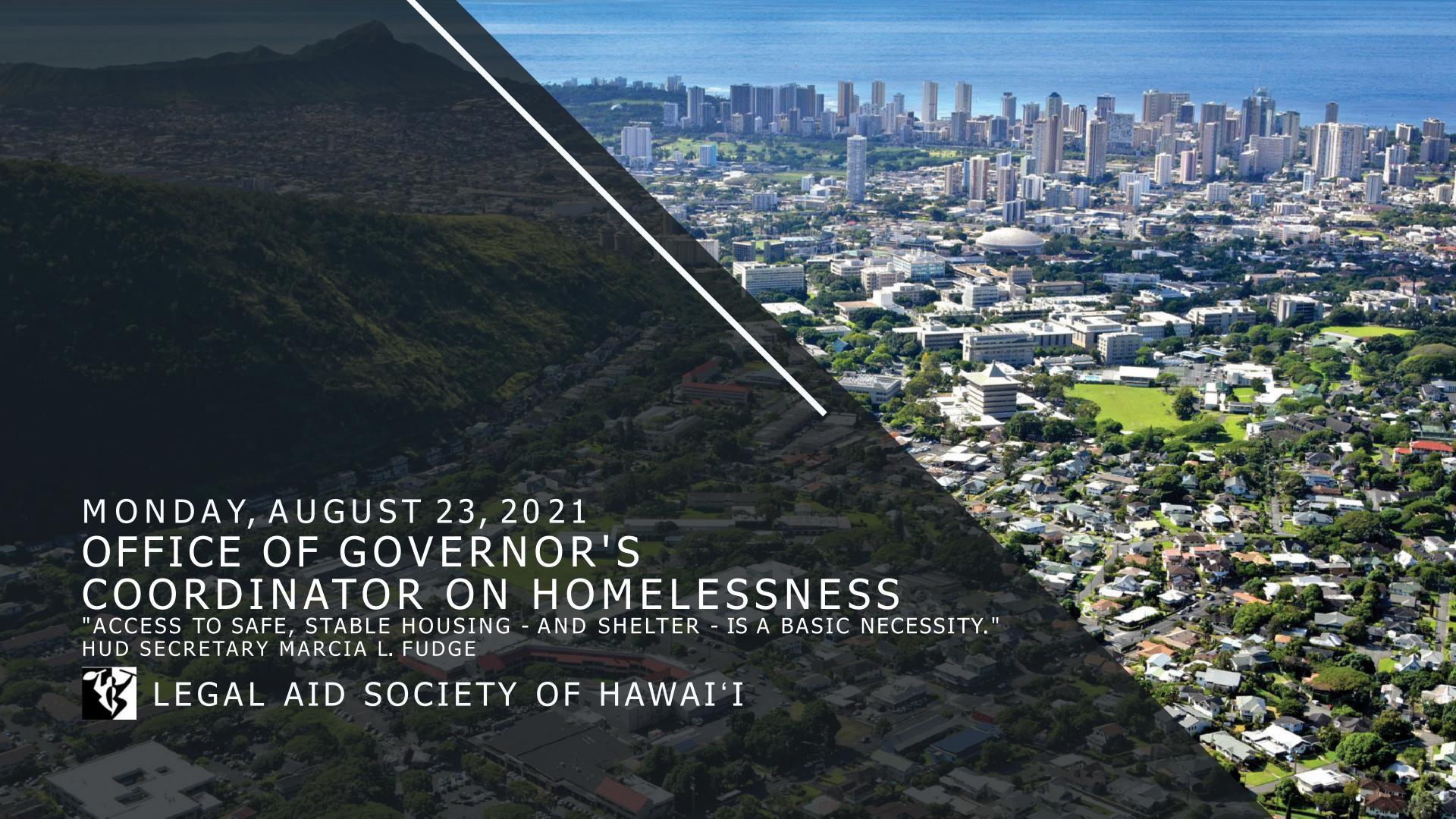
- ✓ Be mentally prepared
 - Anticipate increase in cases and hospitalizations
- ✓ Think Positive, but take precautions and get vaccinated
 - Any government restrictions are temporary
 - Delta surge will pass as it did in other areas
- ✓ If vaccinated still need to take precautions
- ✓ If you would like to get tested <u>www.oneoahu.org/covid19-testing</u>

Motivation/Inspiration: Keiki, Underserved populations
Comments on Q&I, contact tracing, vaccination
Placement options
Monoclonal Antibody Treatment
Prevention, More Testing,

Comment: Young Adults and Peds











(1967) HAWAI'I FAIR HOUSING LAW

HRS §§ 368 and 515

PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATORY
PRACTICES BY AN OWNER,
ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN A
REAL PROPERTY OR
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION,
OR A REAL ESTATE BROKER
OR SALESPERSON AGAINST
ANOTHER PERSON.



FEDERAL LAW (1968, 1972, 1988, AS AMENDED)

42 U.S.C. 3604 ET SEQ.

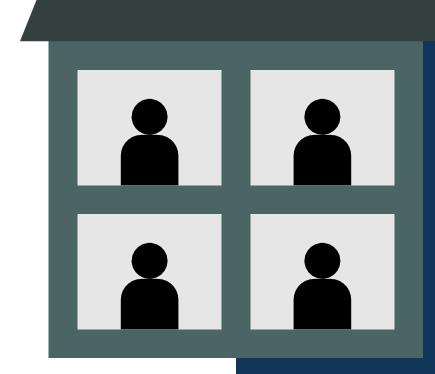
THE FAIR HOUSING ACT
PROTECTS PEOPLE FROM
DISCRIMINATION WHEN THEY
ARE RENTING OR BUYING A
HOME, GETTING A MORTGAGE,
SEEKING HOUSING ASSISTANCE,
OR ENGAGING IN OTHER
HOUSING-RELATED ACTIVITIES.



STATE LAW

HRS §§ 368 and 515

AGE
ANCESTRY
HIV STATUS
HĀNAI STATUS
MARITAL STATUS
GENDER IDENTITY
GENDER EXPRESSION
SEXUAL ORIENTATION





42 U.S.C. § 3604

gender identity and expression SEX
RACE
COLOR
RELIGION
DISABILITY
FAMILIAL STATUS

NATIONAL ORIGIN





PROTECTED CLASS

SEX

State of being male or female and the conditions associated therewith.





BOSTOCK V. CLAYTON COUNTY

Extends prohibition on sex discrimination to sexual orientation and gender identity.

PROTECTED CLASS

Gender Identity:

- Internal or innate sense of being male, female, or another gender
- May or may not match their assigned their sex at birth

Gender Expression:

- External expression of gender identity
- Exhibited through behavior, clothing, hairstyle, body, language, voice

Transgender:

- Umbrella term for people whose gender identity is different from their assigned sex
- May not determine they no longer identify as transgender

EQUAL ACCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S GENDER IDENTITY IN COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS 81 FR 64763

Ensures that all HUD programs are open to eligible persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status.

- Individuals are placed in accordance with gender identity
- No requirements for individuals to "prove" gender identity
- Providers must update policies and procedures to reflect requirements

HELLO my name is

J. Doe They/Them

Use appropriate, inclusive language in communication, publications, and training that affirms the provider's commitment to serving residents in accordance with the equal access rule.

INTRODUCING TRANSGENDER INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Pronouns: Always refer to residents by the name/pronouns they request (may be fluid).

Personal Questions: Avoid questions unrelated to the provision of housing or shelter; especially regarding medical treatment.

Avoid Saying: "transgendered" or "a transgender". Such wording reduces an individual to a single defining attribute and fails to respect the entire individual.

STAFF AND RESIDENTS INCLUSIVE POLICY STANDARDS:

Internal Policy: Language and actions that are discriminatory in nature cannot be tolerated. Projects should actively communicate with staff to ensure that language and programming is understood.

Policy & Procedure: Include specific behaviors that violate standards of respectful behavior, escalate corrective actions, focus on actions and not subject of harassment.



Given the increased occurrence of discrimination affecting transgender and gender nonconforming residents, shelters must take precautions to ensure a project is free of discrimination and inform residents of their fair housing rights.



Take non-discriminatory steps that may be necessary and appropriate to address privacy concerns raised by residents.

CREATING INCLUSIVE SPACES: **FACILITIES**

Policy: Provider should not isolate or segregate clients based on transgender or gender non-conforming stats unless a specific privacy request is made.

Strategies:

- Offer area near staff work station
- Offer access to rooms, floors, or beds set aside for residents with increased vulnerability
- Offer to assist in identifying an alternative project that will provide comparable services, or provide a hotel or motel voucher
- Establish single use bathroom for client use at specific intervals during the day
- Offer times that a bathroom can be scheduled by a client with a request
- Ensure toilet and shower stalls have locking doors or at minimum, curtains
- Consider implementing a schedule for all clients if communal showers are the only available type of shower

CONFIDENTIALITY: SEX ASSIGNED AT BIRTH & MEDICATION

Sex Assigned at Birth: Sex assigned at birth is confidential information. Clients may not elect to disclose their transgender status in certain spaces or at certain moments of time for health and safety reasons. The decision to disclose one's transgender status I ies solely with the client.

Medication: Prescribed medication must be subject to all the same standards of the shelter.

Transgender individuals may have a variety of medical needs, related or unrelated to their transgender status. F.e. They may carry hypodermic needles for the use of insulin or for injecting prescribed hormones.



It is essential that all staff, from the chief executive offcer and the board of directors to contracted security, receive training on confdentiality to avoid jeopardizing client welfare.



Disability

In 2019, discrimination on the basis of disability accounted for almost half of the complaints filed with HCRC* and more than half of the complaints filed with HUD.**

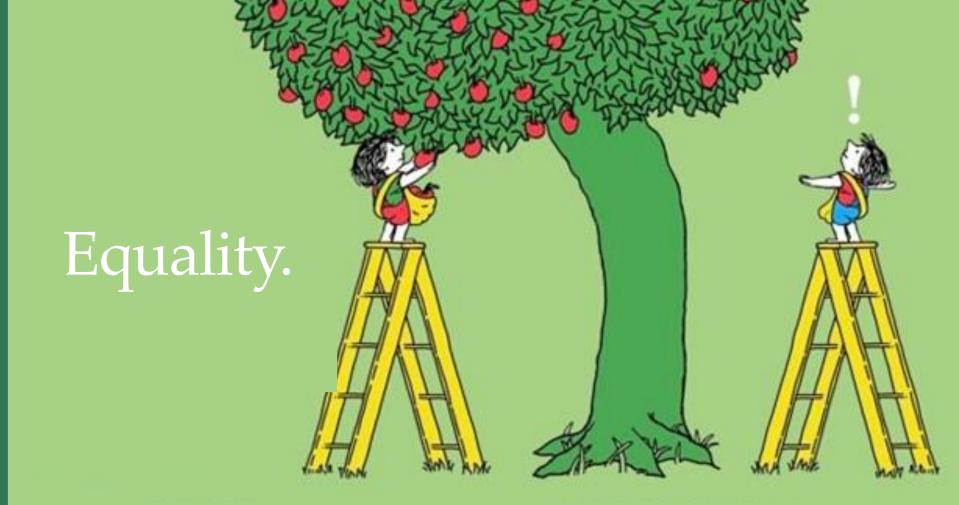
*Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission 2018-2019 Annual Report

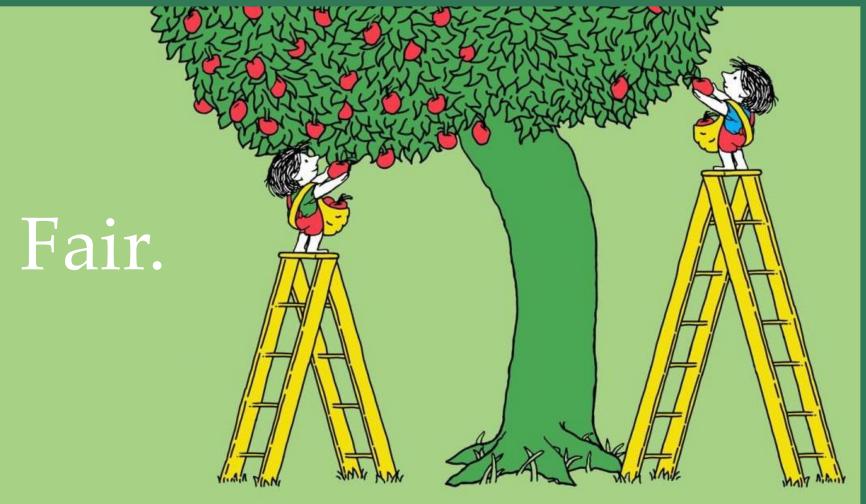
**HUD 2020 Notice on Assistance Animals

The Fair HousingTree









How can we treat people fairly in housing?



Reasonable Accommodation

Since rules, policies, practices may have a different effect on persons with disabilities than on other persons...

Reasonable Accommodation



Reasonable Accommodation

Change, exception, or adjustment to a rule, policy, practice, or service that may be necessary for a disabled person to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.







Reasonable Modification

Structural change made to the premises, occupied or to be occupied by a person with a disability, in order to afford full enjoyment of the premises.



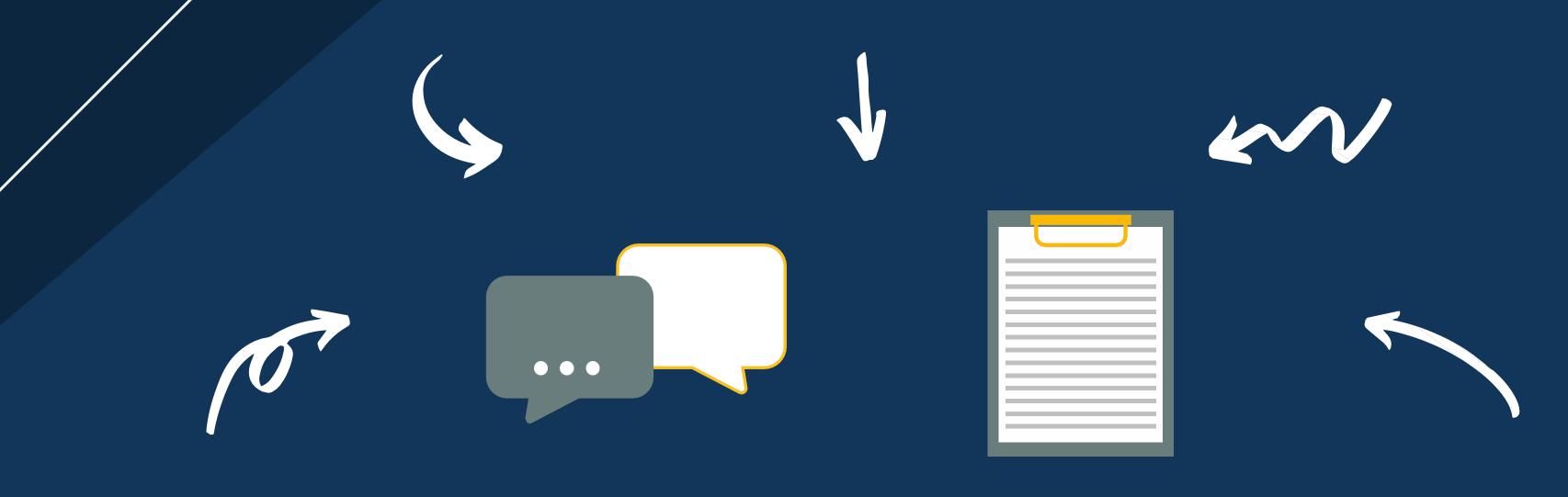




Making Requests

Can be made by anyone, any time, in any manner; meaning orally or in writing.

*Housing provider cannot require their own forms.



ONE OR MORE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES

"activites that are of central importance to daily life" for example: caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing...

THAT SUBSTANTIALLY LIMITS

"significant" or "to a large degree"

PHYSICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT



Assistance Animals | not pets

Animals that do work, perform tasks, assist, and/or provide therapeutic emotional support for individuals with disabilities.

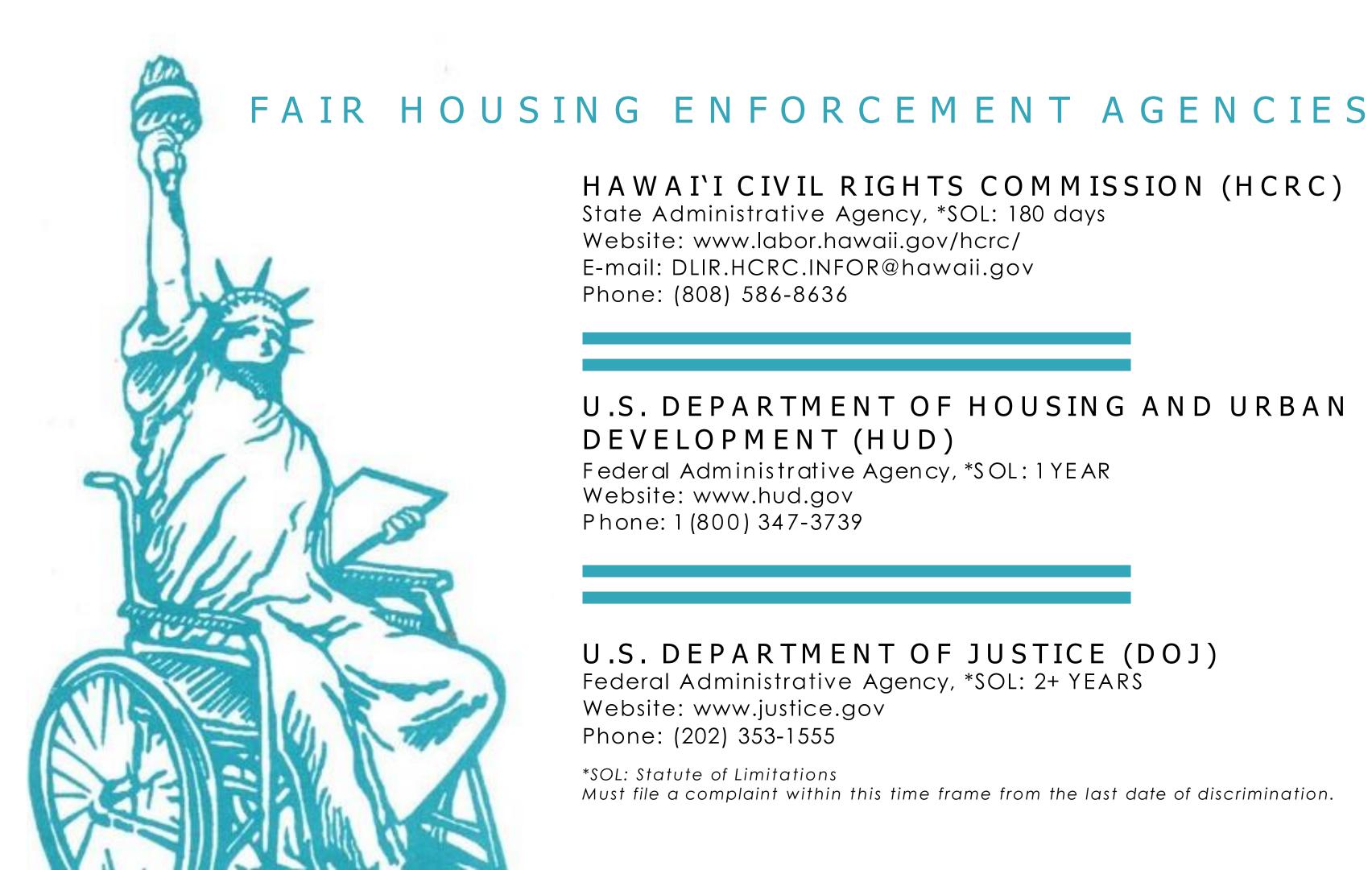
service dog



"means any <u>dog</u> that is individually trained to do work or <u>perform a</u> task for the benefit of an individual."

emotional support animal

Provides support that alleviates one or more symptoms of a person's disability



HAWAI'I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION (HCRC)

State Administrative Agency, *SOL: 180 days

Website: www.labor.hawaii.gov/hcrc/ E-mail: DLIR.HCRC.INFOR@hawaii.gov

Phone: (808) 586-8636

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Federal Administrative Agency, *SOL: 1YEAR

Website: www.hud.gov Phone: 1 (800) 347-3739

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)

Federal Administrative Agency, *SOL: 2+ YEARS

Website: www.justice.gov

Phone: (202) 353-1555

*SOL: Statute of Limitations

Must file a complaint within this time frame from the last date of discrimination.

ANY CLARIFICATIONS OR QUESTIONS?

Providing legal information and not legal advice.

Legal information explains the law and the legal system, generally,

Legal Advice applies the law, including statute and case law, and legal principles to a particular situation.

(808) 536-4302

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Let's Connect!

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