

QUARTERLY REPORT #4 for 2021  
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In Q4, the omicron surge begins as the year comes to an end.

In October:

- The FDA authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to include children 5 through 11 years of age;
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- An amended version of the County of Maui's Public Health Emergency Rules to loosen restrictions, was approved by Gov. Ige.
- John Pelletier selected as Final Candidate for Maui Police Chief
- Victorino Lifts Ban on Spectators at Youth Sports Not Sanctioned by DOE

In November:

- Maui Mayor Michael Victorino announced = that Maui County will allow restaurants and bars to return to full, 100% capacity without physical distancing requirements as of Wed. Dec. 1, 2021.
- Nāpili Home Construction Dispute Surfaces Again in GREAT Committee.
- Soon-to-be sworn-in Maui Police Chief John Pelletier has selected a colleague from Las Vegas, Charles Hank, as his Deputy Chief.
- Maui Police Recover Multiple "Ghost Guns" While Executing Search Warrant in Wailuku
- Kaiser Rolls Out Keiki Vaccinations for 5-11 Year Olds
- Mahi Pono Reaches Milestone of Planting 1 Millionth Tree in Less Than Three Years
- Nov. 6, 2021 COVID-19 Update: Maui County Surpasses 10,000 Cases; 97 New Cases & 6 Deaths Statewide
- Nov 3: Restaurants, bars and gyms with requirements for patrons to provide proof of vaccination and/or a negative COVID test within 48 hours, may operate up to full capacity. This consent is contingent upon social distancing and mask requirements remaining in place.
- Regarding capacity for indoor high risk activities such as restaurants, bars, and social establishments, indoor capacity is set at 50%, unless the county implements a policy requiring vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours, in which case, there will be no capacity limits. This does include gyms, as well as bars, restaurants, and social establishments.

In December:

- COVID records soar as omicron spreads: The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 3,484 new cases today, surpassing the previous record for daily new cases of 2,205 reported on Sunday, Dec. 26. Today's count includes 334 cases on Maui, 242 on Hawai'i Island, 147 on Kaua'i, 21 on Moloka'i, one on Lāna'i, and 59 out of state, as the Omicron surge continues.
- Maui's plastic disposable foodware ban is postponed to March 1
- CDC recommends shortened isolation and quarantine for COVID-19 infections
- Six individuals were arrested and charged during the state's Operation Keiki Shield 10 enforcement effort that was conducted between Friday and Sunday, Dec. 3-5, 2021 on Maui. All six are accused of first degree Electronic Enticement of a Child.
- Kona Low Storm results in multiple road closures, park closures, power outages, and flooding in Kihei and Kula. There's also an extended boil water advisory issued for portions of Upper Kula.

**OCTOBER 2021**

Title	Description	Date
Hundreds Attend Halloween Drive-Thru Adventure at Maui's Keōpūolani Park	Hundreds of Maui families enjoyed a safe return to Halloween festivities on Sunday night at Maui County's Halloween Drive-Thru Adventure at Keōpūolani Regional Park in Kahului.	2021/10/31 at 8:00 pm

Oct. 31, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 152 New Cases in Hawai'i, 10 Deaths	There were 152 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Sunday, including 22 on Maui. There were also 10 new COVID-19 deaths reported today.	2021/10/31 at 9:30 am
Oct. 30, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 156 New Cases in Hawai'i, 10 Deaths	There were 156 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Saturday, including 12 on Maui.	2021/10/30 at 2:23 pm
Maui Mayor Makes Another Request to Ease Restrictions, Details are Forthcoming	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino has submitted another request to Governor David Ige to ease restrictions in the County of Maui Public Health Emergency Rules. Details are forthcoming. If approved, the effective date for changes would be Nov. 5, 2021.	2021/10/29 at 7:17 pm
Six Mariners Rescued from Grounded Sailboat off Olowalu, Maui	Six mariners aboard a grounded sailing vessel, were rescued by the US Coast Guard about a half mile off of Olowalu, Maui, Thursday.	2021/10/29 at 12:04 pm
Oct. 29, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 155 New Cases in Hawai'i, 5 Deaths	Statewide, there were 78 people hospitalized with COVID-19, including three on Maui.	2021/10/29 at 11:44 am
FDA Authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Emergency Use in Kids 5-11	The Food and Drug Administration authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 to include children 5 through 11 years of age.	2021/10/29 at 10:21 am
After 27 Years, Foodland's Sack N Save Supermarket in Wailuku to Close, Nov. 28	After 27 years, Wailuku's Sack N Save supermarket will close its doors on Nov. 28. The store has 60 employees who will be offered positions at other Foodland stores on Maui.	2021/10/28 at 3:37 pm
Large Employers Either Silent or Taking a Wait and See Approach to Vaccine Mandates	Several large employers on Maui are either silent or taking a wait and see approach when it comes to mandating COVID-19 vaccines for their employees.	2021/10/28 at 12:26 pm
Hawaiian Airlines Adding More Kahului to Los Angeles Flights to Meet Holiday Demand	To meet anticipated holiday demand, Hawaiian Airlines is expanding once-daily service between Honolulu and Seattle and San Francisco, as well as between Kahului, Maui and Los Angeles.	2021/10/28 at 10:14 am
Oct. 28, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 126 New Cases in Hawai'i, 2 Deaths	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 12, with a 1.7% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is +6% from Oct. 13 to Oct. 26, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 7.0 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/10/28 at 10:04 am
US Postal Service in Hawai'i Seeks to Hire 625 Workers Statewide	USPS officials in Hawai'i are seeking to hire more than 600 Hawai'i residents for jobs paying up to \$20.66 on Hawai'i Island, Kaua'i, Maui and O'ahu. Job openings include 275 entry-level positions and 350 seasonal positions.	2021/10/28 at 9:26 am
O'ahu Returns to 100% Capacity at Entertainment Venues on Nov. 3	Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi today announced that indoor and outdoor organized entertainment events will return to 100% capacity for vaccinated residents a week from today, on Nov. 3, 2021. This includes a full capacity of 9,200 people at the University of Hawai'i's Clarence T. C. Ching Stadium, O'ahu's largest outdoor venue.	2021/10/27 at 6:13 pm
Teddy's Bigger Burgers Plans Expansion on Maui with New Kahului Location	Teddy's Bigger Burgers is expanding on Maui with plans to open a new location at the Pu'unēnē Shopping Center in Kahului late this year or early next year.	2021/10/27 at 12:56 pm

Oct. 27, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 184 New Cases in Hawai'i, 1 Death	There were 184 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Wednesday, including 10 on Maui, two on Lāna'i and one on Moloka'i.	2021/10/27 at 11:21 am
Councilmember Kelly King to Depart for UN Climate Change Conference	Councilmember Kelly Takaya King will depart Thursday for the 26th annual United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland. She is one of only two delegates ed to attend the conference on behalf of ICLEI USA, an association of local governments devoted to climate action and sustainability.	2021/10/27 at 10:21 am
Leisure Travel Returns Nov. 1; Safe Travels Expected to Continue Through Holidays	"We look forward to our economic recovery and the return of visitors is one more step in our progress towards a new normal," said County of Maui Managing Director, Sandy Baz.	2021/10/27 at 8:23 am
Five Women Nominated to Judicial Positions in Hawai'i Courts	Leaders of the Senate Women's Caucus are applauding the nomination of four women to Circuit Court vacancies and a fifth to a judicial position in the District Court.	2021/10/27 at 5:21 am
Oct. 26, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 74 New Cases in Hawai'i	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 12, with a 1.7% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is -9% from Oct. 11 to Oct. 24, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 7.4 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/10/26 at 5:49 pm
Marine Institute has Documented 201 Sick, Injured or Dead Sea Turtles So Far This Year	The Maui Ocean Center's Marine Institute has documented more than 200 sick, injured or dead sea turtles on Maui so far this year. According to the organization, 89% of the incidents involved turtles with injuries from fishing gear interactions.	2021/10/26 at 2:13 pm
FDA Advisory Committee Backs Pfizer Vaccine in 5-11 Year- olds	This marks the start of the authorization process, with formal backing still needed by the FDA. The process continues on Nov. 2 and 3, when an advisory committee with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is scheduled to meet to discuss clinical recommendations.	2021/10/26 at 1:37 pm
Maui Police Launch Halloween Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign on Friday	The Maui Police Department's Traffic Division will be enforcing its zero-tolerance response to impaired driving over the Halloween weekend, beginning this Friday, Oct. 29, 2021.	2021/10/26 at 10:15 am
Upcountry Strong Distributes 20 Tons of Food, Offers a Shining Moment in a Dark Time	Megan Nakashima is the president of Pukalani Superette and she is also among a group of generous and determined participants of what is now called Upcountry Strong, a partnership of individuals, businesses and not-for-profits that answered the need for food donations Upcountry during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.	2021/10/26 at 8:57 am
Oct. 25, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 97 New Cases in Hawai'i	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 14, with a 1.7% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is -3% from Oct. 10 to Oct. 23, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 8.3 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/10/26 at 5:00 am
"Recall Mayor Victorino" Initiative Aims to Obtain 21,586 Signatures in 30 Days	Group leaders say they are seeking Mayor Victorino's removal as they stand in opposition to ongoing emergency health mandates, calling the county government practices an "overreach" of powers.	2021/10/25 at 2:20 pm
Spotlight: "Puk Sup's" Chris Borling Brings Wisdom, Kindness, and Years of Dedication to the Job	Chris Borling has been an employee of Pukalani Superette since 1988, joining the store as an employee while still at Maui High School. Now, 33 years later, he's a mainstay at the market and an exemplar of what it means to be a good person.	2021/10/25 at 11:17 am

Stage 1 Water Shortage Ends for Upcountry, Maui	The Department of Water Supply of the County of Maui has provided notice of the end of the Stage 1 water shortage for water consumers in the Upcountry Maui service area.	2021/10/25 at 8:16 am
Deadly Head-on Three-Vehicle Crash on Hāna Highway Claims Life of Maui Man	Police say speed and alcohol are suspected as factors in a head-on crash that claimed the life of a Ha'ikū man on the Hāna Highway last night.	2021/10/25 at 5:26 am
Hawaiian Airlines Resumes Nonstop Sydney-Honolulu Service, Dec. 13	Hawaiian Airlines today confirmed it will resume its five-times-weekly service between Australia's Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport and Honolulu's Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, beginning Dec. 13.	2021/10/24 at 3:05 pm
Oct. 24, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 163 New Cases in Hawai'i, 3 Deaths	There were 163 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Sunday, including eight on Maui.	2021/10/24 at 10:23 am
NASA Awards \$15M for Asteroid Hunting Telescopes on Maui	With both the PS1 and PS2 telescopes operational on Maui, the area of sky surveyed for Near-Earth Objects each night has now doubled.	2021/10/24 at 9:15 am
Foodland Announces Vaccine Mandate	At least one Maui retail giant is serious about complying with proposed federal mandates that companies with more than 100 employees must meet mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirements.	2021/10/24 at 8:10 am
Ed Case Funding for Unique Hawai'i Wildlife	The State of Hawai'i will receive more than \$1 million in grants for three key projects to benefit unique wildlife and their habitats, according to an announcement from Congressman Ed Case (HI-01).	2021/10/24 at 7:30 am
Opening Weekend of MIL Comes with No Fans in Stands, That Will Change on Monday	Starting on Monday, Oct. 25, parents of the student-athletes of the home/host team will be allowed to attend in person. Those in attendance must be fully vaccinated. There will be no concessions and no food or drinks, but water will be permissible.	2021/10/23 at 12:29 pm
Land Board Submits Kā'anapali Beach Restoration EIS to Governor	The Board of Land and Natural Resources voted Friday to submit the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Kā'anapali Beach Restoration and Berm Enhancement project to Governor David Ige.	2021/10/23 at 10:49 am
Oct. 23, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 168 New Cases in Hawai'i, 2 Deaths	There were 168 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Saturday, including 20 on Maui and one on Lāna'i. The latest data represents a total of 1,719 "active" cases statewide over two weeks.	2021/10/23 at 10:12 am
Nonprofit Directors Honor Business, Humanitarian, Executive Director of Year	Volunteer Mason Williams, who was nominated by Aloha House, was named Humanitarian Award winner of the year by the Maui Non Profit Directors Association for his "countless hours ensuring that nonprofits have the resources and governance needed for their sustained success."	2021/10/22 at 5:55 pm
Strive HI Performance Report Shows Pandemic Impacts on Student Learning	The Hawai'i State Department of Education shared its 2020-21 Strive HI Performance System results at Thursday's Board of Education General Business Meeting. The data reflect downward trends in academic performance seen across the nation due to impacts from the pandemic.	2021/10/22 at 1:36 pm
Oct. 22, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 134 New Cases in Hawai'i, 3 Deaths	There were 134 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Friday, including seven on Maui and one on Moloka'i. There were also three COVID-19 deaths reported today.	2021/10/22 at 11:45 am

List: 2021 Halloween Events on Maui	"Halloween is on," according to Maui Mayor Victorino. While a return to door-to-door tradition is allowed this year, the Mayor is encouraging drive-thru options. A list of upcoming events is posted:	2021/10/22 at 8:49 am
Endangered 'Āwikiwiki Vine Reintroduced During Planting Ceremony on Lāna'i	A planting ceremony was held at Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i on Thursday with Pūlama Lāna'i to commence the launch of a botanical preservation project to reintroduce the federally endangered 'āwikiwiki plant to the area around the resort.	2021/10/22 at 5:15 am
Hawai'i DOH Authorizes Booster Doses for Moderna, J&J Vaccines	"Boosters are expected to be widely available across the state, and CDC's mix-and-match policy will allow for additional flexibility. DOH's first priority will remain encouraging unvaccinated Hawai'i residents to complete their initial vaccine series," said Director of Health Dr. Elizabeth Char.	2021/10/22 at 5:09 am
Hale Makua Submits Grant Application to Address Challenges with Aging Population	The application identifies Maui's high cost of living, high unemployment and an over dependence on tourism along with increased poverty, especially among older residents as challenges.	2021/10/21 at 3:06 pm
DOH Prepares for Likely Authorization of COVID-19 Vaccine for Keiki 5-11	DOH estimates there are 119,473 children 5-11 living in Hawai'i, which is roughly 8.4% of the state's population. An FDA advisory committee is scheduled to meet Oct. 26 to discuss authorization of the vaccine and a CDC advisory committee is scheduled to meet Nov. 2-3 to discuss clinical recommendations.	2021/10/21 at 11:19 am
Lahaina Plantation Museum to Relocate from Wharf Center to Lahaina Courthouse	Theo Morrison, executive director of Lahaina Restoration Foundation said, "We are very appreciative that The Wharf Center donated the use of the space for close to 12 years. This donation enabled us to build out the museum and operate it free of charge. Thousands of people worked in the West Maui plantations over the years and this museum told their story."	2021/10/21 at 10:17 am
Oct. 21, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 156 New Cases in Hawai'i, 4 Deaths	There were 156 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Thursday, including 22 on Maui. There were also four new COVID deaths reported today.	2021/10/21 at 10:08 am
Authentic Taste of Venezuela Comes to Honokōwai at Miss Arepa	The eclectic mix of our island food scene has been enriched with the recent addition of the authentic taste of Venezuela at Miss Arepa in Honokōwai.	2021/10/21 at 8:36 am
Hawai'i Senators Visit Mahi Pono on Maui, Explore Strategies to Stabilize Economy	"There is a lot of potential for economic diversity here on Maui, especially with agriculture and value added products," said Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "We're going to have to come up with a strategic plan on how we develop our education system so that we can create a skilled workforce, specifically for agriculture pipelines and value added pipelines."	2021/10/20 at 5:43 pm
Oct. 20, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 139 New Cases in Hawai'i	There were 139 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Wednesday, including 20 on Maui and one on Moloka'i.	2021/10/20 at 9:36 am
Haleakalā NP Accepting Applications for Volunteer Ambassador Internship Program	Applications are currently being accepted now through Dec. 17, 2021 for the Haleakalā National Park Community Volunteer Ambassador year-long internship program.	2021/10/20 at 8:53 am
Hawai'i Wildlife Discovery Center Opens at Whalers Village	The 5,000 square foot Hawai'i Wildlife Discovery Center opens today in Whalers Village in Kā'anapali.	2021/10/20 at 8:24 am

HLTA: Return to Non-Essential Travel on Nov. 1 is First Step in Getting Economy Moving	“The local tourism industry is pleased that Gov. Ige signaled today that he is ready to welcome non-essential travelers back to Hawai‘i beginning November 1. While we recognize that there are still details that need to be sorted out—paying special mind to input from the county mayors and information provided by the healthcare community and the business sector—this announcement is an important first step toward getting our economy moving again safely and judiciously,” said Hannemann.	2021/10/19 at 1:55 pm
Salvation Army to Host Meal Distribution in Kahului and Lahaina before Thanksgiving	On Maui, the Salvation Army Kahului Corps and the University of Hawai‘i Maui College will share in distributing 600 Thanksgiving meals via a drive-thru distribution starting at 11 a.m., while supplies last, at UHMC on Wednesday, Nov. 24. In West Maui, the Salvation Army Lahaina Lighthouse Corps, with the assistance of other local congregations, will be providing home delivered Thanksgiving Lunches to 300 Kupuna on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021.	2021/10/19 at 1:22 pm
Oct. 19, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 80 New Cases in Hawai‘i	There were 80 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai‘i on Tuesday, including 14 on Maui.	2021/10/19 at 12:03 pm
Hawai‘i Department of Health Offers Halloween Safety Guidance	“Celebrating Halloween is a special event for families, and it is possible to take steps to celebrate safely. Outdoor gatherings are safer, and consistent hand washing and mask wearing are recommended,” said Director of Health Dr. Elizabeth Char.	2021/10/19 at 11:17 am
Resident with COVID-19 Says: Mayor’s Release on Exposure had Inaccuracies	Bennett Debeer, a Maui resident who met with the Mayor on Thursday, and later tested positive for COVID-19, tells Maui Now that there were inaccuracies in a press release issued by the Mayor’s office on Monday.	2021/10/19 at 9:59 am
When All the World is Not a Stage: Pandemic Impacts on Maui Theater Program	“In the Spring of the 2019-2020 school year, KKHS Drama had been rehearsing for their musical Footloose for seven weeks. We went into Spring Break looking forward to two 8-hour Tuesday and Wednesday rehearsals in which we could finally run the entire show--music, acting, choreography that we had spent so much time learning. Then, the world, and our show, fell into a heap,” Kepler recalled.	2021/10/19 at 7:41 am
Mayor Tests Negative After COVID-19 Exposure During Meeting with Unvaccinated Opponents to Emergency Rules	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino tested negative for COVID-19 this weekend after meeting days earlier in-person with three unvaccinated Maui County residents opposed to state and county emergency public health rules. Two of the three residents later tested positive for COVID-19, according to a press release issued by the Mayor’s office this afternoon.	2021/10/18 at 4:46 pm
Hui No Ke Ola Pono to Host Haunted Drive-Through and Health Fair at UHMC	Hui No Ke Ola Pono will host Holoholo Heleuī, a free and fun “spooktacular” community health event at the University of Hawai‘i Maui College on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	2021/10/18 at 12:15 pm
Oct. 18, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 117 New Cases in Hawai‘i, 4 Deaths	There were 117 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai‘i on Monday. The latest data represents a total of 1,991 “active” cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County’s seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 6.7 per	2021/10/18 at 10:09 am
Investigation Recovers \$97K in Back Wages for 137 Restaurant Workers	The investigation led to the recovery of \$97,503 in unpaid overtime wages for 137 workers. The division also assessed Golden Coin \$23,240 in penalties for the “reckless nature” of its violations.	2021/10/18 at 8:34 am



West Maui Group Secures Agreement with Proposed Solar Project in Kahana	The settlement agreement includes annual community benefit contributions to organizations such as Lahainaluna High School, Maui Cultural Lands, Pu'u Kukui Watershed and UH Maui College. An additional portion of funds will be distributed to West Maui community groups through the Hawai'i Community Foundation.	2021/10/18 at 7:46 am
Oct. 17, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 144 New Cases in Hawai'i, 6 Deaths	There were 144 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Sunday, including eight on Maui and one on Lāna'i. There were also six new COVID-19 deaths reported today.	2021/10/17 at 9:27 am
Hawaiian Airlines Looks Forward to Welcoming Back International Travelers	Hawaiian Airlines is looking forward to welcoming back international travelers after an announcement this week from the Biden administration, outlining plans for a testing and vaccine program in November.	2021/10/17 at 8:53 am
Senate Ways and Means Committee to Conduct Site Visits on Maui, Oct. 18-20	The Senate Committee on Ways and Means will be traveling to Maui on Oct. 18-20, 2021 to conduct site visits at various state and private facilities.	2021/10/17 at 8:36 am
Kahului House Fire Causes \$123,000 in Damage, Four People Displaced	Four people were displaced following a house fire on East Papa Avenue in Kahului on Saturday. The fire caused an estimated \$123,000 in damage to the structure.	2021/10/16 at 8:01 pm
Oct. 16, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 140 New Cases in Hawai'i, 4 Deaths	There were 140 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Saturday, including 14 on Maui and one on Moloka'i. There were also four new COVID deaths reported.	2021/10/16 at 10:28 am
Amended Maui Emergency Rules to Loosen Restrictions Takes Effect this Weekend	An amended version of the County of Maui's Public Health Emergency Rules to loosen restrictions, was approved by Governor David Ige and take effect this weekend.	2021/10/16 at 9:39 am
As Hawai'i Residents Reach 70% Full Vaccination, DOH Urges Continued Vigilance	"While we are encouraged that 70% of Hawai'i residents have made the choice to protect themselves and our community through vaccination, there is more work to do. Even with this rate of protection, our seven-day average case count is 130 new cases per day. We encourage all eligible Hawai'i residents to become part of the solution and get vaccinated."	2021/10/15 at 6:41 pm
BlackSand Capital Taps Highgate to Operate the Royal Lahaina Resort	BlackSand Capital, a locally owned and managed Hawai'i specialist real estate investment firm, announced that Highgate, a real estate investment and hospitality management company whose portfolio currently includes seven hotels in Hawai'i, will operate the Royal Lahaina Resort on Maui when BlackSand completes the purchase of the resort from Pleasant Travel Service, which is expected to occur in December.	2021/10/15 at 4:08 pm
Oct. 15, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 156 New Cases in Hawai'i, 5 Deaths	There were 156 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Friday, including 14 on Maui.	2021/10/15 at 9:44 am
Maui Couple Honored as Hawai'i's Longest Married by Worldwide Marriage Encounter	The Molinas were married Oct. 20, 1951, at St. Ann's Church in Waihe'e, Maui. They will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Wednesday. They were ed as the longest married couple in Hawai'i based on a nomination process.	2021/10/15 at 6:48 am
Hawai'i Inmates Offered Vaccine Incentive	Inmates in PSD custody during the period of March 3, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2024, who become fully vaccinated against COVID-19, are eligible to receive a one-time incentive award of \$50.	2021/10/15 at 5:01 am

Oct. 14, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 164 New Cases in Hawai'i, 6 Deaths	There were 164 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Thursday, including 14 on Maui and one on Moloka'i. Hawai'i's COVID-19 deaths increased to 857, with six new deaths reported today.	2021/10/14 at 10:18 am
Mayor Issues Proclamation for National Coming Out Day	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino proclaimed Oct. 11, 2021 National Coming Out Day in the County of Maui. The proclamation raises awareness of the LGBTQ+ community and coincides with the annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender History Month.	2021/10/14 at 7:25 am
UH to Require COVID-19 Vaccination for All Employees in 2022	The University of Hawai'i announced a mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for employees that goes into effect on Jan. 3, 2022. Under the new policy, all UH employees, including those who are teleworking, will be required to be fully vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus OR have an approved medical or religious exemption for the vaccine.	2021/10/14 at 7:04 am
Oct. 13, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 127 New Cases in Hawai'i, 6 Deaths	There were 127 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Wednesday, including 11 on Maui. Hawai'i's COVID-19 deaths increased to 851, with six new deaths reported today.	2021/10/13 at 9:52 am
Mayor Anticipates Approval for Loosened Restrictions on Maui	In an uncharacteristic move, Maui Mayor Michael Victorino detailed proposed changes to the County's Emergency COVID-19 Rules and Orders, that if approved, are expected to take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021.	2021/10/12 at 8:10 pm
"Halloween is On!" Trick-or-Treating is Back, but Maui Drive Through Events Encouraged	"Halloween is On!" Trick-or-Treating is Back but Drive-Through Events are Encouraged While a return to door-to-door traditions is allowed this year, the Mayor is encouraging drive-through options like the "Halloween Drive-Through Adventure at Keōpūolani" Park in Kahului. The event runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Halloween evening, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021.	2021/10/12 at 7:37 pm
DOH: COVID-19 Far Deadlier than Influenza	Dr. Sarah Kemble, Hawai'i Department of Health state epidemiologist, released a statement today on mortality rates involving COVID-19 and influenza, saying COVID-19 was far deadlier than the flu during the 2020-2021 flu season, both in Hawai'i and around the world.	2021/10/12 at 6:30 pm
US Rep. Kai Kahele Tours Maui Economic Opportunity	US Representative Kai Kahele visit to Maui on Monday included a stop at the Maui Economic Opportunity offices in Wailuku, a stop with Space Force atop Haleakalā, and visits to Kahului Airport and Mayor Michael Victorino's office. He mentioned that the visits were part of his preparations for the next budget appropriations.	2021/10/12 at 11:34 am
Oct. 12, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 49 New Cases in Hawai'i	There were 49 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Tuesday. The latest data represents a total of 2,834 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 8.5 per 100,000 today.	2021/10/12 at 10:50 am
Update: Police Investigation at Kaiser Wailuku Parking Lot	Police have since linked the investigation to a missing person report. No further information will be released on the incident.	2021/10/12 at 9:48 am
Mayor Victorino Issues Statement on Oct. 16 March & Rally	Mayor Victorino said: "Due to such late notice and lack of sufficient health and safety protocols in place, the County will not be able to issue a special event permit. The First Amendment march may proceed, and our community asks participants for adherence to all health and safety protocols to limit the spread of COVID-19."	2021/10/11 at 8:19 pm
Blacksand Capital is Contracted to Purchase the Royal Lahaina Resort	Today BlackSand Capital, a locally owned Hawai'i real estate investment firm led by B.J. Kobayashi, announced that it is contracted to purchase the Royal Lahaina Resort.	2021/10/11 at 1:54 pm



DLNR: Coastal Properties Face Expensive Challenges in Combating Erosion	She detailed the current state of beach erosion across Hawai'i, citing government and academic reports that indicate 70% of the beaches on Maui, Kaua'i, and O'ahu are chronically eroding. By 2012, more than 13-miles of beach had completely disappeared due to erosion and seawall construction.	2021/10/11 at 1:45 pm
Oct. 11, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 113 New Cases in Hawai'i, 4 Deaths	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 15, with a 2.1% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is -52% from Sept. 26 to Oct. 9, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 9.0 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/10/11 at 9:34 am
Bicyclist Dies in Head-On Collision in Kula; Motorist Arrested for Negligent Homicide	At about 3:10 pm Saturday, a 19-year-old driving a Toyota truck crossed left of center on Kula Highway and fatally struck a bicyclist head-on, according to the Maui Police Department.	2021/10/10 at 7:40 am
Oct. 9, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 196 New Cases in Hawai'i, 4 Deaths	On Saturday, the downward trend in new COVID-19 cases continued in Hawai'i with the report of 196 new cases, including 16 on Maui. There also were four deaths reported.	2021/10/09 at 10:42 am
Maui Mayor Requests Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions, Awaits Governor's Approval	Maui County Mayor Michael Victorino has made a request to Hawai'i Gov. David Ige to ease some COVID-19 restrictions in the county due to a decline in the number of cases, the stabilization of the health care system and a 7-day average testing positivity rate of 2.22 percent, lowest in the state.	2021/10/08 at 5:29 pm
Hawai'i's Health Care System has Stabilized: Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions for O'ahu	Governor David Ige joined Health Care leaders and Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi in announcing the easing of some COVID-19 restrictions on the island of O'ahu. This includes allowing up to 1,000 attendees for outdoor seated entertainment (including UH football games), 500 attendees for indoor seated entertainment, and more, with safety measures in place.	2021/10/08 at 2:49 pm
Florida Woman Suffers Multiple Traumatic Injuries in Fall at Kaihalulu in East Maui	A 69-year-old Florida woman suffered multiple traumatic injuries in a fall at Kaihalulu in East Maui on Thursday morning.	2021/10/08 at 9:52 am
Oct. 8, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 201 New Cases in Hawai'i, 7 Deaths	There were 201 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Friday, including 19 on Maui and one on Lāna'i. There were also seven new deaths reported today.	2021/10/08 at 9:19 am
2021 Nā Hōkū Hanohano Winners List: Kainani Kahaunalele Wins 7 Awards in 6 Categories	Kainani Kahaunalele was the standout at the 44th Annual Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, winning seven awards in six categories for her third album Waipunalei. The list of winners is posted here:	2021/10/08 at 5:23 am
Maui Health Now Providing COVID-19 Booster Shots to All Eligible Individuals	The Maui Health clinic will now provide booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine to all eligible health care and other frontline workers, including teachers and hotel employees, whose occupation or workplace settings present an increased risk of infection or transmission of COVID-19.	2021/10/07 at 9:41 pm
HuiZero, Maui's First Zero Waste To-Go Food Container Program Set to Launch	HuiZero launches, Maui's first zero waste to-go container program, on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021 at participating restaurants across Maui.	2021/10/07 at 1:29 pm
Maui Condo Sales Leading Hot Real Estate Market for September 2021	The Maui real estate market remained hot for September 2021, with the median sales price for single-family homes at \$996,500 (27.3% higher than a year ago) and \$729,125 for condominiums (a 46.6% increase from September 2020), according to statistics from the REALTORS® Association of Maui.	2021/10/07 at 12:18 pm

Kīlauea	Lava continues to erupt from two vents at the Kīlauea volcano on Hawai'i Island. One of the vents is located along the floor and one is located in the western wall of Halema'uma'u crater.	2021/10/07 at 11:17 am
Oct. 7, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 304 New Cases in Hawai'i, 8 Deaths	There were 304 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Thursday, including 30 on Maui. The latest data represents a total of 3,744 "active" cases over two weeks.	2021/10/07 at 10:46 am
Maui Men Accused of Illegal Take and Possession of a Sea Turtle	Two Maui residents, a father and his son, are accused of the take and possession of a green sea turtle, a protected species, after being spotted by a DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement officer on routine patrol.	2021/10/06 at 3:01 pm
Oct. 6, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 168 New Cases in Hawai'i, 7 Deaths	There were 168 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Wednesday. The latest data represents a total of 3,883 "active" cases over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 12.6 per 100,000 today.	2021/10/06 at 9:11 am
Update/Located: Missing Maui Man Last Seen Oct. 4, 2021	Update: As of Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021, Massey was located. The Maui Police Department thanks the public for their assistance.	2021/10/06 at 9:05 am
No Tsunami After 4.6 Earthquake in SW Rift Zone of Kīlauea	There is no tsunami expected after a 4.6 (preliminary magnitude 4.4) earthquake reported at 8:37 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021 in the SW rift zone of the Kīlauea volcano on Hawai'i Island.	2021/10/05 at 8:52 pm
Median Price for O'ahu Single-Family Homes Rose to \$1,050,000 for September	The O'ahu real estate market set record highs for September 2021 with the single-family home median price rising to \$1,050,000, 19% higher than a year ago, and the condo median price rising by 8% to \$480,000, according to the recent O'ahu Residential Real Estate Report by real estate firm Locations.	2021/10/05 at 2:46 pm
Oct. 5, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 91 New Cases in Hawai'i	For the first time since July, new COVID-19 case counts in Hawai'i have dropped into the double digits with 91 new cases reported today by the state Department of Health.	2021/10/05 at 1:30 pm
BREAKING: John Pelletier ed as Final Candidate for Maui Police Chief	The Maui Police Commission this morning announced the ion of John Pelletier as the final candidate for Police Chief for Maui County. The final candidate must still undergo pre-employment requirements, a background check and a psychological evaluation, and is still subject to a final vote by the Commission following receipt and review of these items.	2021/10/05 at 9:58 am
AHLA: Hawai'i Hotel Business Travel Revenue to be Down 77%	Hawai'i hotels are projected to lose \$1.18 billion in business travel revenue in 2021, down 77.4% compared to 2019 levels, according to a recent report from the American Hotel & Lodging Association and Kalibri Labs.	2021/10/05 at 8:18 am
Scientists Say it is Unclear How Long the Current Kīlauea Eruption Will Last	Kīlauea summit eruptions over the past 200 years have lasted from less than a day to more than a decade.	2021/10/05 at 7:51 am
Free Presentation: "Spying on Spinners: What We Can Learn From Listening"	A free presentation called "Spying on Spinners: What We Can Learn from Listening" on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom will take a look at research conducted in the Maui Nui region (Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i and the 'Au'au Channel) that listened to spinner dolphins to learn more about their behaviors.	2021/10/05 at 6:04 am

Six People Displaced by Structure Fire in Pukalani, Maui	Fire officials say three adults and three juveniles were displaced by the fire and the Red Cross was called to provide assistance.	2021/10/04 at 2:53 pm
Oct. 4, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 195 New Cases in Hawai'i, 3 Deaths	There were 195 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Monday. The latest data represents a total of 4,238 "active" cases over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 12.0 per 100,000 today.	2021/10/04 at 9:50 am
Kīlauea Eruption Continues with Multiple Vents Along the Crater Floor	Kīlauea volcano continues to erupt, with multiple active vents along the floor and western wall of Halema'uma'u crater.	2021/10/03 at 11:25 am
Oct. 3, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 277 New Cases in Hawai'i, 7 Deaths	There were 277 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Sunday, including 21 on Maui. There were also seven new COVID-19 deaths reported in the state.	2021/10/03 at 9:38 am
Lahaina Hawaiian Civic Club Awards Six Scholarships	The Lahaina Hawaiian Civic Club awarded six scholarships this year. One award was given to a graduating senior from Lahainaluna High School through its foundation and five additional awards were given to members in good standings continuing their education.	2021/10/03 at 8:48 am
Three Arrested in Connection with String of Vehicle and Property Thefts Across Maui	Maui police arrested three individuals in connection with a string of car thefts and vehicle break-ins reported over two weeks.	2021/10/02 at 3:36 pm
Maui Man Pulled Unresponsive from Waters at Kama'ole II	A Maui man was pulled unresponsive from waters in South Maui on Friday afternoon.	2021/10/02 at 2:22 pm
Maui Police Chief Finalists Interviewed, Decision Expected Tuesday	The Maui Police Commission conducted interviews with finalists for the position of Maui Police Chief on Friday. The Commission will reconvene on Tuesday to make a final decision.	2021/10/02 at 1:38 pm
Oct. 2, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 279 New Cases in Hawai'i, 12 Deaths	There were 279 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Saturday. The latest data represents a total of 4,653 "active" cases over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 14.3 per 100,000 today.	2021/10/02 at 10:01 am
Maui Jim Maui Invitational Moves to Las Vegas in 2021 Due to Pandemic Protocols in Hawai'i	The Maui Jim Maui Invitational basketball tournament will relocate to Las Vegas, due to the ongoing pandemic, travel restrictions, and COVID-19 protocols in Hawai'i.	2021/10/02 at 7:07 am
Council Unanimously Passes 3% Transient Accommodations Tax for County of Maui	The Maui County Council unanimously passed Bill 101 today--a bill that creates a 3% transient accommodations tax.	2021/10/01 at 7:44 pm
BREAKING: Victorino Lifts Ban on Spectators at Youth Sports Not Sanctioned by DOE	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino has decided to lift the ban on spectators at youth sports events held outdoors, even though all of his requests that were submitted for approval earlier this week to relax current orders, were denied by the governor.	2021/10/01 at 7:09 pm

Hawai'i's Emergency Proclamation Extended, "Still too Soon to Let Our Guard Down"	"You can see that now we are trending down--we're absolutely heading in the right direction; but we're still far above what the peak was for previous surges. So that's why we're asking that people be patient," said Dr. Libby Char, state Health Director.	2021/10/01 at 3:13 pm
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Maui Health Holiday Turkey Donations Paid Forward to Community Organizations	Each of Maui Health's 1,500-plus employees was gifted a turkey as a small token of appreciation this month and many employees opted to pay it forward--deciding instead to donate their turkeys.	2021/11/30 at 7:40 pm
Maui COVID-19 Restrictions Eased; Officials Monitoring Omicron Variant Developments	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino announced today that Maui County will allow restaurants and bars to return to full, 100% capacity without physical distancing requirements as of Wed. Dec. 1, 2021.	2021/11/30 at 7:18 pm
DOH Recommends All Vaccinated Adults Receive COVID-19 Booster Dose	"Effective immediately, all adults age 18 and older who completed their primary mRNA vaccinations of Pfizer or Moderna at least six months ago should receive a single COVID-19 booster dose," the DOH advised today.	2021/11/30 at 11:58 am
Central Pacific Hurricane Season Ends: Three Tropical Cyclones Tracked in 2021	The three tropical cyclones in the Central Pacific in 2021 were below the average of 4 to 5 tropical cyclones that develop or move across the central Pacific basin each year.	2021/11/30 at 9:58 am
Nov. 30, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 79 New Cases	Of today's 79 cases, there were 66 cases identified as confirmed, and +13 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 23 on O'ahu (+13 probable); two on Hawai'i Island; 12 on Maui (-1 probable); 25 on Kaua'i (+1 probable); and four Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/11/30 at 9:27 am
Hawai'i Convention Center to Fully Reopen Exhibit Halls in January 2022	The Hawai'i Convention Center will fully reopen its Exhibit Halls for meetings and events in January 2022. Throughout the pandemic, the Center provided space for unemployment claims processing, COVID-19 contact tracing, and vote counting during elections.	2021/11/30 at 5:27 am
New COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation Signed, Omicron Not Yet Detected in Hawai'i	We have not seen the Omicron variant here in Hawai'i as of this morning, but we are closely monitoring the situation and will identify the variant as early as possible should it show up here."	2021/11/29 at 5:12 pm
Nov. 29, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 71 New Cases	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 15, with a 1.8% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is +3% from Nov. 14 to Nov. 27, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 8.8 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/11/29 at 10:57 am
Department of Health Announces Rebirth of Hawai'i Immunization Registry	The immunization registry is a statewide information system that stores and tracks patient immunization records for 25 diseases including vaccinations for polio, tetanus, measles, mumps and now COVID-19.	2021/11/29 at 9:30 am

Nov. 28, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 169 New Cases, 3 Deaths	Of today's 169 cases, there were 119 cases identified as confirmed, and +50 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 66 on O'ahu (+41 probable); 13 on Hawai'i Island (+9 probable); 12 on Maui (-2 probable); eight on Kaua'i (+2 probable); and 20 Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/11/28 at 12:47 pm
Senator DeCoite Releases Resources for Maui Residents Dealing with Deer Impacts	In collaboration with State and County agencies, Senator Lynn DeCoite (District 7 – Hāna, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i and Kaho'olawe) is working to provide the public with information and resources on who to contact regarding axis deer issues.	2021/11/28 at 8:47 am
Nov. 27, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 135 New Cases	Of today's 135 cases, there were 137 cases identified as confirmed, and -2 probable cases were removed from the count. The confirmed cases included: 62 on O'ahu (-2 probable); 24 on Hawai'i Island (-1 probable); 22 on Maui; 27 on Kaua'i; and two Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state (+1 probable).	2021/11/27 at 9:45 am
Maui Police Issue Visitor Education Reminders Focused on Safety	The Maui Police Department is reminding visitors of safety while on vacation. A new PSA focuses on: proper placement of valuables; water safety; and Hāna Highway tips and reminders.	2021/11/27 at 8:18 am
Update/Postponed: Mahalawa Bridge Work to Disrupt Hāna Highway Traffic	Hāna Highway at Milepost 43 will be closed to traffic from Dec. 3-6 for completion of work on Mahalawa Bridge by Goodfellow Brothers, LLC and the County of Maui's Department of Public Works.	2021/11/26 at 3:11 pm
State DLNR Shares Plans For Lands Between Honolua and Honokōhau Bays	An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 30, for those interested in learning about management plans for state lands between Honolua Bay and Honokōhau Bay on Maui.	2021/11/26 at 2:49 pm
Nov. 26, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 27 New Cases, 1 Death	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 14, with a 1.6% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is +8% from Nov. 11 to Nov. 24, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 8.6 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/11/26 at 11:45 am
Maui's Imaikalani deVault Aims to Secure Spot on Championship Tour	Currently sitting at No. 4 on the Challenger Series, Maui-born Imaikalani deVault needs one last result to secure his place within the Top 12 on the World Surf League's Championship Tour.	2021/11/26 at 11:11 am
8th Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival Hosts "Part II" Hybrid Event, Dec. 4	The 8th Annual Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival has been expanded and is now a hybrid event with both in-person and virtual shopping opportunities on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	2021/11/26 at 8:49 am
'Āina Corps Program Relaunches with 130 Open Jobs	Applications are opening for 130 new positions designed to help both the environment and the economy as part of the Hawai'i response to the economic impacts of COVID-19.	2021/11/26 at 8:31 am
Paddle For Hunger Raises \$2,500 and 500 Pounds of Food for Maui Food Bank	\$2,500 and 500 pounds of food were collected and donated to Maui Food Bank. Together, this will provide 10,385 meals for needy families in Maui County.	2021/11/25 at 3:05 pm
Nov. 25, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 77 New Cases, 6 Deaths	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 17, with a 1.9% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is +39% from Nov. 10 to Nov. 23, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 10.2 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/11/25 at 9:51 am

Arrest Made on Maui as Impaired Driving Awareness Events Roll Out Statewide	Maui police made at least one arrest during the Third Annual Hannah Brown Memorial Impaired Driving Awareness Checkpoint and Rally on Wednesday night along the Kūihelani Highway in Central Maui. Police say a woman driving toward the checkpoint attempted to turn around and switch drivers just as the checkpoint was winding down operations.	2021/11/25 at 8:21 am
Charter Commission Acts on Proposals Governing Police and the Executive Branch	A proposal dividing the Department of Housing and Human Concerns into two distinct departments was adopted, as was one recommending the appointment of Corporation Counsel and the Prosecuting Attorney from a short list of nominees ed by an independent ion commission. Seven proposals were deferred to the next meeting due to time limitations.	2021/11/24 at 2:00 pm
Maui Police Kick Off Impaired Driving Awareness With Memorial Checkpoint	The Maui Police Department will dedicate the checkpoint to the memory of Hannah Brown, who was 19 years old when she was killed by an impaired driver on June 23, 2019. She would have celebrated her 22 birthday this year.	2021/11/24 at 12:22 pm
Two Time GRAMMY Award Winner, Kalani Pe'a Nominated Again in 2022	Maui's Kalani Pe'a is celebrating the 2022 GRAMMY nomination of his junior album, "Kau Ka Pe'a," which is being considered in the Best Regional Roots Music Album category.	2021/11/24 at 10:27 am
Nov. 24, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 115 New Cases, 6 Deaths	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 17, with a 1.6% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is +38% from Nov. 9 to Nov. 22, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 10.0 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/11/24 at 10:05 am
Nāpili Home Construction Dispute Surfaces Again in GREAT Committee	The applicant said he worked directly with the Planning Department for more than two years during the SMA and building permit review process, with concessions made as well as changes to the design of the home at the request of the department.	2021/11/24 at 6:00 am
Lahaina Man Held on \$500,000 Bail for Alleged Terroristic Threatening Incident	A Lahaina man is being held in lieu of a half-a-million dollars bail on charges involving allegations of kidnapping, robbery, and terroristic threatening. The suspect allegedly pointed a rifle at the television and fired a "warning shot" before fleeing.	2021/11/23 at 9:47 pm
Makawao Fire Burns Two Acres of Heavy Brush	A fire in Makawao burned two acres of heavy brush before being brought under control on Tuesday afternoon. The blaze was declared 100% contained at 3:54 p.m.	2021/11/23 at 5:45 pm
Next COVID-19 Measures Shift Back to Counties on Dec. 1	Both Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi and Maui Mayor Michael Victorino said they would be getting rid of the six-foot distancing rule currently in place for restaurants, allowing eateries to resume full capacity for dining indoors, starting Dec. 1, 2021. Mayor Victorino said indoor dining is still limited to those who show proof of vaccination or testing as is currently the case.	2021/11/23 at 2:06 pm
Maui Bee Tour Is Buzzing Again at New Location in Lahaina	During a forced closure due to the pandemic, the Maui Bee Tour relocated its hives to create a new bee farm in Lahaina. The tours and the Lahaina Honey Co. open Nov. 29.	2021/11/23 at 1:00 pm
Jewish Congregation of Maui Returns to In-Person Gathering with Chanukah Celebration	After 18 months of virtual worship, including a limited high holiday gathering, Zoom events and calls and strictly obeying county directives on in-person gathering during the pandemic, it is very fitting that the first in-person gathering will be to celebrate Chanukah.	2021/11/23 at 11:34 am



22 Hawai'i Inmates Earn Diplomas at CoreCivic's Saguaro Facility	CoreCivic's Saguaro Correctional Center in Arizona recently held a graduation ceremony for 22 student-inmates from Hawai'i who earned a GED, and one student-inmate, Maui-native Gregory Garcia, who earned two associate degrees and is currently working on his bachelor's degree.	2021/11/23 at 11:18 am
Nov. 23, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 52 New Cases	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 15, with a 1.5% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is +25% from Nov. 8 to Nov. 21, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 9.2 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/11/23 at 11:15 am
Maui Visitor Industry Charity Walk Raises \$1.2 Million to Help 60 Local Nonprofits	The Maui Visitor Industry Charity Walk distributed \$1.203 million in funds to 60 local nonprofit organizations in a ceremony at the Maui Beach Hotel on Monday morning. The funds were generated through the annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk which was held in a virtual format for the first time this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.	2021/11/23 at 8:36 am
Maui Rotary Clubs Join Forces to Provide Holiday Lunch to Homeless	The event, which is part of the Rotary International's Day of Service, is working with Mental Health Kōkua to provide special meals for homeless adults with serious mental illness.	2021/11/22 at 8:39 pm
Humpback Whale Season in Hawai'i is Underway	Humpback whale season in Hawai'i is already underway, with sightings occurring regularly off Maui shores. This dynamic image was captured today by photographer, Ellen Riamao, about two miles west of Kīhei.	2021/11/22 at 1:08 pm
Nov. 22, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 92 New Cases	Of today's 92 cases, there were 67 cases identified as confirmed, and +25 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 31 on O'ahu (+17 probable); 7 on Hawai'i Island (+6 probable); 17 on Maui (+2 probable); and 12 on Kaua'i.	2021/11/22 at 11:14 am
American Savings Bank Distributes Nearly 1,000 Turkeys on Five Islands	American Savings Bank hosted a statewide Turkey Drive-Thru event for its 1,100 teammates across the state on Sunday, Nov. 21, as part of its annual Teammate Appreciation Month festivities.	2021/11/22 at 5:25 am
"No Excuses" Campaign to Drive Safely Kicks Off Statewide Before the Holidays	Preliminary state data indicates that there is a 13% increase in traffic fatalities from last year (80 compared to 71 during the same time last year). Of the 80 fatalities, nearly half were related to speeding. Significantly there was a 142% increase in motorcycle fatalities, with 29 motorcyclists killed compared to 12 during the same time last year.	2021/11/22 at 5:05 am
Nov. 21, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 107 New Cases	Of today's 107 cases, there were 92 cases identified as confirmed, and +15 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 41 on O'ahu (+8 probable); 12 on Hawai'i Island; 17 on Maui (+6 probable); 10 on Kaua'i (+1 probable); one on Molokai; and 11 in Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/11/21 at 6:10 pm
Booster Eligibility Expands for Adults in Hawai'i	Effective immediately all adults age 18 and older who completed their primary mRNA vaccinations of Pfizer or Moderna at least six months ago are eligible for boosters.	2021/11/21 at 7:01 am
Nov. 20, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 218 New Cases, 4 Deaths	Today's COVID-19 case count includes approximately 90 backlogged cases involving testing providers that recently began providing data to DOH's electronic lab reporting system. This reporting delay includes cases reported across the state. DOH expects additional backlogged cases to be reported in the next few weeks.	2021/11/20 at 2:04 pm
Maui Pediatrician Discusses "Safety and Efficacy" of the COVID-19 Vaccine in Kids	A Maui pediatrician provided safety and efficacy information to parents considering the COVID-19 vaccination for children in the 5-11 year age group.	2021/11/20 at 1:10 pm

Maui County Council Passes Historic Bill Prohibiting Non-Mineral Sunscreens	The Maui County Council unanimously passed Bill 135 to prohibit the sale, distribution, or use of non-mineral sunscreens.	2021/11/20 at 8:02 am
Maui County Won't Appeal Decision on Operation of Lahaina Wastewater Facility	The County of Maui today announced it has come to a resolution on the Hawai'i Wildlife lawsuit involving operation of the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility. County officials say they will not appeal Judge Susan Oki Mollway's decision.	2021/11/19 at 8:23 pm
Arrest Made in Connection with Hit-And-Run in Pā'ia	An arrest was made on Thursday in connection with a pedestrian hit-and-run crash in Pā'ia last week that resulted in potentially life threatening injuries.	2021/11/19 at 4:45 pm
Maui Nui Marine Resource Council Awarded \$210K Grant to Help Address Recurring Coastal Flooding in Kīhei	The project focuses on Hāpapa watershed's three gulches (Kūlanihāko'i, Waipuilani and Kēōkea) which are responsible for most of Kīhei's stormwater flooding.	2021/11/19 at 2:41 pm
New Maui Police Chief s Las Vegas Colleague as Deputy Chief	Soon-to-be sworn-in Maui Police Chief John Pelletier has selected a colleague from Las Vegas, Charles Hank, as his Deputy Chief.	2021/11/19 at 1:54 pm
Nov. 19, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 206 New Cases, 6 Deaths	There were 206 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Friday. Today's COVID-19 case count includes approximately 40 backlogged cases involving testing providers that recently began providing data to DOH's electronic lab reporting system. DOH expects additional backlogged cases to be reported in the next few weeks.	2021/11/19 at 12:39 pm
Man Airlifted from Base of 50 Foot Cliff After Boat Runs Aground, Woman Climbs to Safety	Two mariners are safe after the boat they were in ran aground and became submerged off of Honokalā Point along the North Shore of Maui in Ha'ikū, Sunday morning.	2021/11/19 at 11:05 am
\$2.9 M Grant Awarded for Replacement of Kaupakalua Bridge Washed Away in March Storm	A newly awarded \$2.9 million federal grant will go towards the construction of a replacement bridge at Kaupakalua, after the original two-lane timber bridge, built around 1911, washed away in a storm event earlier this year.	2021/11/19 at 8:09 am
Partial Humpback Whale Birth Off Maui, Detailed in Scientific Publication	Underwater footage captured by author Deborah Patton's GoPro on Feb. 3, 2020 reveal an in-process birth with two male escorts surrounding the mother in labor after approaching a whale watching boat operated by Captain Steve's Rafting Adventures in Lahaina.	2021/11/18 at 2:54 pm
Two Endangered Nēnē Killed This Week on Maui, Struck by Cars Near Kahului Airport	A bonded pair of nēnē, a male and female, were struck and killed by cars on A'alele Street near the Kahului Airport on Tuesday afternoon.	2021/11/18 at 1:57 pm
Nov. 18, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 226 New Cases, 7 Deaths	Today's COVID-19 case count includes approximately 70 backlogged cases involving testing providers that recently began to provide data to DOH's electronic lab reporting system. This reporting delay includes cases reported across the state. DOH expects additional backlogged cases to be reported in next few weeks.	2021/11/18 at 12:34 pm
"Being Nimble and Proactive" Helps Maui Retailers Avoid Holiday Supply Chain Issues	When it comes to the fast-approaching holiday season, there will be turkeys, toys, stuffing and wine but these items will likely cost more and might not be widely available.	2021/11/18 at 10:00 am

Two Arrests Made in Connection with Kīhei Auto Theft Investigation	Maui police made two arrests yesterday in connection with a report of auto thefts in which four vehicles were stolen from the Kīhei Auto Sales lot in South Maui on Sunday.	2021/11/18 at 8:44 am
Maui Police Recover Multiple "Ghost Guns" While Executing Search Warrant in Wailuku	Officers with the Maui Police Department crime reduction unit and special response tactical team joined a Wailuku patrol officer in executing search warrants on a 41-year-old male resident at around 7 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2021.	2021/11/18 at 8:07 am
Lucky Guest from Hawai'i Wins Million-Dollar Jackpot	A lucky guest from Hawai'i tested her luck at Boyd Gaming's Main Street Station Casino Brewery Hotel on Tuesday, Nov. 16, and won a million-dollar jackpot on an IGT's Wheel of Fortune® slots -- the first major jackpot to hit at Main Street since it reopened on Sept. 8.	2021/11/17 at 2:33 pm
Maui Girl Recovering from Hodgkin's Lymphoma, gets Wish Granted	A creative 18-year-old Kīhei girl recovering from treatment from Hodgkin's Lymphoma saw her wish come true on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 in Mākena, Maui.	2021/11/17 at 2:00 pm
Nov. 17, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 142 New Cases, 8 Deaths	There were 142 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Wednesday. The latest data represents a total of 1,339 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 7.3 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/17 at 9:23 am
Bezos Day One Fund Gifts \$2.5 Million to Family Life Center in Kahului, Maui	Family Life Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization serving the homeless population on the islands of Maui, Moloka'i and on Kaua'i, has been ed to receive a \$2.5 million grant from the Bezos Day One Families Fund —the largest grant in Family Life Center's history.	2021/11/17 at 8:37 am
\$22 M Secured for Honoapi'ilani Highway Realignment from Ukumehame to Launiupoko	US Senator Brian Schatz worked with the DOT to secure the federal funds. He said the money will be used to realign 4.5 miles of the highway from Ukumehame to Launiupoko. This realignment will connect to the previously constructed Lahaina Bypass, addressing the second priority location on the statewide report for coastal highway protection.	2021/11/17 at 6:41 am
Maui Veterans and Dignitaries Greet the Future USS Daniel Inouye	The Nissei Veterans Memorial Center in Wailuku hosted a viewing event Tuesday afternoon for a handful of veterans and dignitaries, honoring the arrival of the future USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) as it visited Maui prior to taking up residence on O'ahu.	2021/11/17 at 5:33 am
Nov. 16, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 63 New Cases	There were 63 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Tuesday. The latest data represents a total of 1,375 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 7.7 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/17 at 5:05 am
Newly Renovated Cafeteria at Maui Memorial Medical Center Reopens as Café Laulima	Maui Memorial Medical Center recently celebrated its newly renovated cafeteria, now named Café Laulima, with employees and providers.	2021/11/16 at 2:48 pm
Hawai'i Lawmakers Laud Passage of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	President Joe Biden signed the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill into law. The sweeping law includes at least \$2.8 billion for Hawai'i to repair roads and bridges and make them more resilient to climate change, improve public transportation options for residents, and strengthen high-speed internet access in Native Hawaiian communities and across Hawai'i.	2021/11/16 at 7:57 am

Nov. 15, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 95 New Cases	There were 95 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Monday. The latest data represents a total of 1,366 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 7.8 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/16 at 5:20 am
Oprah Buys More Property on Maui	Oprah Winfrey is back again at shopping for Maui real estate, as the billionaire media mogul has recently purchased a three-acre property in Kula on Maui that's adjacent to the other properties she owns on the Valley Isle, according to public records.	2021/11/15 at 3:31 pm
MPD's Operation Speed Jam Enforcement Nets 440 Speed Related Citations	The Maui Police Department issued 554 citations last week during the Operation Speed Jam enforcement effort. The campaign, which began on Nov. 8, 2021, netted 354 citations for speeding, 10 excessive speeding violations, and 76 citations for speeding in a school zone.	2021/11/15 at 9:35 am
Official Holding Period for 2021/2022 Big Wave Season Now Open	The world's best big wave surfers are back on call as the holding period for the World Surf League (WSL) 2021/2022 Big Wave season officially opened today.	2021/11/15 at 8:51 am
UHMC Thanksgiving Pie Sale, Proceeds Benefit Culinary Arts Program	Students with the University of Hawai'i Culinary Arts program will be busy baking 200 pies, available for the public to order for Thanksgiving.	2021/11/15 at 8:07 am
Nov. 14, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 81 New Cases, 1 Death	There were 81 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Sunday. The latest data represents a total of 1,343 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 7.3 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/14 at 5:40 pm
Flood Watch Through Late Sunday Night	The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch for Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i, in effect until late tonight.	2021/11/14 at 8:30 am
Endangered 'Akikiki Birds to Travel from Kaua'i to Maui to Join Breeding Program	Biologists monitoring the area found that the population of more than 70 birds recorded in 2015 had declined to just five in 2021.	2021/11/14 at 8:18 am
Participating Artists Announced for Schaefer Portrait Challenge 2022	Maui Arts & Cultural Center announces the opening of Schaefer Portrait Challenge from Jan. 11 to March 19, 2022 in Schaefer International Gallery. Originally scheduled for Jan 2021, this juried statewide exhibition was postponed for a year due to COVID-19.	2021/11/14 at 8:05 am
Nov. 13, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 81 New Cases	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 12, with a 1.5% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is -18% from Oct. 28 to Nov. 10, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 7.4 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/11/14 at 7:07 am
Tentative Agreement Reached Between Alliance Unions and Kaiser Permanente	Kaiser Permanente and the Alliance of Health Care Unions reached a tentative agreement today on a four-year contract.	2021/11/13 at 7:57 am
Future USS Daniel Inouye to Stop on Maui Before Arrival at Homeport	The future USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) is scheduled to arrive at its new homeport, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021 following a two-day voyage around the Hawaiian Islands.	2021/11/13 at 6:52 am

Disturbing Allegations Surface in Court Documents Involving Disappearance of Isabella "Ariel" Kalua	Court documents reveal disturbing allegations in a murder case brought against the adoptive parents of missing O'ahu girl, Isabella "Ariel" Kalua.	2021/11/12 at 6:06 pm
DOH Releases New Data on Vaccine Efficacy and COVID-19 Breakthrough Data	Hawai'i data on deaths that occurred from Jan. 1, 2021 through Sept. 30, 2021 found that: Fully vaccinated people age 0-59 were 34 times less likely to die of COVID-19 than unvaccinated individuals.	2021/11/12 at 1:55 pm
Nov. 12, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 138 New Cases, 5 Deaths	There were 138 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Friday. The latest data represents a total of 1,428 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 6.8 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/12 at 10:45 am
Kaiser Rolls Out Keiki Vaccinations for 5-11 Year Olds	Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i staff and physicians spent Veterans Day hosting COVID-19 vaccination clinics across the state for 5-11 year old children. Combined, the clinics administered hundreds of pediatric doses yesterday.	2021/11/12 at 8:28 am
Pacific Media Group's Battle of the Businesses for Maui Food Bank Raises 46,312 Meals	This year, 29 businesses raised \$10,680 and 4,562 pounds of food, which combined will provide 46,312 meals to individuals and families across the Maui Food Bank's network.	2021/11/11 at 5:40 pm
WATCH: Imua Family Services Executive Director Speaks on History, Navigating Pandemic Challenges and the Future of the Organization	Dean Wong, executive director of Imua Family Services spoke to Jack Dugan, Pacific Media Group's COO and Maui Now's director about the history of the nonprofit organization, navigating the challenges brought on by the pandemic and its future.	2021/11/11 at 3:18 pm
Nov. 11, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 130 New Cases, 3 Deaths	There were 130 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Thursday. The latest data represents a total of 1,455 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 6.7 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/11 at 10:57 am
Mayor Seeks Info on Shoreline Properties to Ensure Public Access at Keawakapu	"I believe the County of Maui can better manage these parcels on behalf of our residents," said Mayor Victorino. "Unlimited public access to our beaches is crucial for our community and a fundamental common law right in Hawai'i."	2021/11/11 at 10:00 am
Road Closure: Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Telephone Pole on Kaupakalua Rd.	Kaupakalua Road is closed between East Kuiuaha and Awalau Road due to a motor vehicle accident involving a telephone pole. Maui police say the road will remain closed until approximately 10 a.m. while Hawaiian Tel personnel conduct repairs on scene.	2021/11/11 at 6:29 am
Adoptive Parents Arrested for Murder in Disappearance of Isabella "Ariel" Kalua	"Based on the investigation conducted by the Homicide Detail, we believe that Ariel was murdered sometime in the middle of August 2021 by her adoptive parents Lehua and Isaac Kalua. It's worth noting this time element is a full month before Ariel was reported to police as a missing person. The cause of Ariel's death is still under investigation... "	2021/11/10 at 6:11 pm
Nov. 10, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 142 New Cases, 6 Deaths	There were 142 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Wednesday. The latest data represents a total of 1,465 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 6.9 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/10 at 1:50 pm

Maui Fire Department Warns Public of Unsanctioned Fundraising	The Maui Fire Department is warning the public of an unsanctioned fundraising effort that is selling unauthorized merchandise featuring the department's logo.	2021/11/10 at 12:59 pm
Two Arrests Made in Connection with Case Involving Missing O'ahu Girl, Isabella Kalua	Investigators with the Honolulu Police Department have made two arrests in connection with the Isabella Kalua missing persons case. Details will be released at a news conference, scheduled for 3 p.m. today at the HPD's main station.	2021/11/10 at 11:43 am
HTA October COVID-19 Visitor Satisfaction Study: 81% Rate Hawai'i Trips as Excellent	Most visitors (81%) rated their trip as "Excellent;" visitor satisfaction has remained relatively stable over the course of the year with a slight dip in the prior survey conducted in June 2021.	2021/11/10 at 10:55 am
Disaster Emergency Relief Period Declared for Maui County Drought	Acting Governor Clare Connors has signed a proclamation that provides relief to Maui County, which has suffered under drought conditions since March 2019.	2021/11/10 at 9:04 am
The MACC is BACK with Live Shows Starting Nov. 17	After a long pandemic-induced drought of live shows, the Maui Arts & Cultural Center soon resumes with an ambitious schedule offering a diverse set of shows with artists both known and new to Maui.	2021/11/09 at 7:57 pm
Mahi Pono Reaches Milestone of Planting 1 Millionth Tree in Less Than Three Years	Among the 1 million trees are a variety of citrus plants, including limes, lemons, tangelos, mandarins and grapefruit. There is also coffee, avocado, papaya, 'ulu and several types of windbreak plants like panax, hau and milo. Milo was historically used in Hawai'i as a drought and salt-tolerant windbreak plant.	2021/11/09 at 7:30 pm
RAM: Maui's Median Single Family Home Price was \$932,500 in October	The median price of a single family home on Maui in October was \$932,500, up +7.5% from the same time last year. The median price for a condominium home was \$672,500, up +13.2% over the same period.	2021/11/09 at 2:47 pm
Nov. 9, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 79 New Cases	There were 79 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Tuesday. The latest data represents a total of 1,526 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 6.7 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/09 at 11:35 am
Forbes 2021 Holiday Gift Guide Includes The Maui Cookie Lady Cookies	The Maui Cookie Lady is included in Forbes Holiday Gift Guide 2021: The Best Globally-Inspired Gifts For The Jet-Set Foodie.	2021/11/09 at 9:12 am
Visitor Industry Charity Walk Raises \$2M Statewide; Maui Nui Generates \$1.2M	Maui Nui's individual fundraising efforts resulted in a total of \$1,203,000 being raised. These funds will be distributed to more than 200 nonprofits around the state with all funds raised in Maui County being distributed specifically to Maui County nonprofits.	2021/11/09 at 8:55 am
Update/Open: Baldwin Avenue Closed	Baldwin Avenue is closed in both directions between Mahi Kō Street and Anohou Street due to a pedestrian being found in the roadway.	2021/11/09 at 5:18 am
Body of Missing Maui Man Recovered From 'Īao Valley	On Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021, at about 4:27 p.m., police responded to 'Īao Valley State Park regarding the discovery of a deceased male. The man has been positively identified as Dominic Massey, 28, of Wailuku.	2021/11/08 at 7:12 pm
Gov. Ige Joins Panel Discussion at COP26 Climate Change Conference in Scotland	Gov. Ige outlined what Hawai'i has done so far, and initiatives he hopes to implement in the future to combat climate change. They include preparing for electric planes for inter-island flights, requiring state employees to rent electric vehicles when on business trips and planting 100 million trees across the state by 2030.	2021/11/08 at 4:15 pm



Nov. 8, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 94 New Cases	There were 94 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Monday. The latest data represents a total of 1,507 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 6.5 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/08 at 11:55 am
Alaska Airlines Partnership Connects Guests with Volunteer Activities in Hawai'i	The new partnership, launched today at <a href="http://travel2change.org/alaskaair">travel2change.org/alaskaair</a> , will make it easier for travelers to find and participate in authentic educational and cultural experiences during their Hawai'i visit.	2021/11/08 at 8:47 am
South Maui District Office Opens to Public	South Maui's first County Council District Office, located at the Maui Research and Technology Park, is now open to the public.	2021/11/08 at 6:30 am
Public Notice: Traffic Disruption in Kula, 'Ulupalakua, and East Maui, Nov. 9	Goodfellow Brothers, LLC and the County of Maui's Department of Public Works notify the public that during the pre-dawn hours of Tue., Nov, 9, a lowboy truck carrying an oversized load, with leading and trailing escort vehicles, will leave Waikapū bound for Kēōkea Park.	2021/11/08 at 6:05 am
DLNR: Woman Spearfishing Offshore of Lahaina Bit on Leg by Shark, Injuries Non-Life Threatening	A 27-year-old woman from Kaua'i was spearfishing this morning when she reportedly was bit on her leg by a shark about 100 yards offshore of Lahaina on Maui, according to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.	2021/11/07 at 3:26 pm
Nov. 7, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 134 New Cases & 12 Deaths in Hawai'i	There were 134 additional COVID-19 cases (120 confirmed and 14 probable) in Hawai'i on Sunday, including 11 on Maui. There were 12 new reported deaths statewide.	2021/11/07 at 9:59 am
Nov. 6, 2021 COVID-19 Update: Maui County Surpasses 10,000 Cases; 97 New Cases & 6 Deaths Statewide	Today's COVID-19 update: There were 97 additional COVID-19 cases (76 confirmed and 21 probable) in Hawai'i on Saturday, bringing the state total to 84,911 and Maui County's total to 10,003 since reporting began Feb. 28, 2020.	2021/11/06 at 12:45 pm
Motor Vehicle Accident: Hāna Highway / Kamehameha Avenue	Emergency crews are responding to the scene of a motor vehicle accident on the Hāna Highway at Kamehameha Avenue in Kahului.	2021/11/05 at 7:32 pm
Maui Police Launch "Operation Speed Jam" Enforcement Campaign, Nov. 8	To date, MPD has made 4,849 speed-related contacts which include citations and written warnings, compared to 3,447 this same time last year. This represents a 40% increase in speeding alone in Maui County.	2021/11/05 at 12:29 pm
Nov. 5, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 124 New Cases in Hawai'i, 12 Deaths	There were 124 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Friday, including 11 on Maui and one on Moloka'i. There were also 12 new deaths reported today, including nine on O'ahu, two on Hawai'i Island and one on Kaua'i.	2021/11/05 at 9:43 am
Maui Health Updates: Status of Vaccine Availability for Kids, Hospital Operations	Executives at Maui Health provided updates on the hospital's vaccine mandate, the status of vaccine availability for kids, and hospital operations. The information was shared during the hospital's last community Town Hall event of the year, held on Thursday.	2021/11/05 at 8:17 am
Federal Vaccine Mandate, or Weekly Testing for Large Businesses Starts Jan. 4	The US Labor Department issued its rule yesterday, requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for companies with 100 or more employees. Those who work for one of these companies will either need to get vaccinated or test at least weekly when the rule takes effect on Jan. 4, 2022.	2021/11/05 at 7:31 am

The Anatomy of a Land Development: How a Housing Proposal in Waiehu Came About	It is almost universally accepted that Maui is in dire need of more affordable housing. The Waiehu-based Hale Mahalou Ke Kahua initiative promises an ambitious solution to a pressing need.	2021/11/04 at 3:49 pm
Nov. 4, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 112 New Cases in Hawai'i, 13 Deaths	There were 112 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Thursday. The latest data represents a total of 1,604 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September, dropping to 8.6 per 100,000 today.	2021/11/04 at 9:35 am
Former Maui Officer Saffels Sentenced to 30 Months in Prison for Public Corruption	Former Maui Police officer, Brandon Charles Saffels, 36, was sentenced today to 30 months in prison for public corruption in the form of honest services wire fraud.	2021/11/03 at 4:17 pm
Newly Selected Maui Police Chief Asks for Dedicated Recruiter, Cold Case Team, and K-9 Program	Newly selected Maui Police Chief, John Pelletier is tentatively scheduled to be sworn in on Dec. 15, 2021, and is expected to begin his new job as head of the department on the same day, according to information shared at a special meeting today of the Maui Police Commission.	2021/11/03 at 2:23 pm
Maui Public Health Rules to be Revised in Accordance with Ige's Executive Order	Restaurants, bars and gyms with requirements for patrons to provide proof of vaccination and/or a negative COVID test within 48 hours, may operate up to full capacity. This consent is contingent upon social distancing and mask requirements remaining in place.	2021/11/03 at 1:09 pm
Nov. 3, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 176 New Cases in Hawai'i, 3 Deaths	There were 176 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Wednesday, including 13 on Maui. There were also three new COVID-19 deaths reported in Hawai'i.	2021/11/03 at 9:22 am
Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized for Children Ages 5-11	The Hawai'i Department of Health is authorizing certified vaccination providers to administer Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children age 5-11 immediately. This authorization is consistent with recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday.	2021/11/03 at 5:24 am
Starting Nov. 12: Eased Restrictions Outdoors at High Risk Businesses; Capacity Indoors Dependent Upon County Policy	Regarding capacity for indoor high risk activities such as restaurants, bars, and social establishments, indoor capacity is set at 50%, unless the county implements a policy requiring vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours, in which case, there will be no capacity limits. This does include gyms, as well as bars, restaurants, and social establishments.	2021/11/02 at 3:29 pm
Maui County Farm Bureau Announces 2021 Awards	This year's winners are "Member of the Year," Heidi Watanabe; "Farm Family of the Year," the Hegele Family; and Mike Lyons Award, Hawaiian Electric Company.	2021/11/02 at 3:17 pm
Hawai'i Welcomes International Travel Under New Federal Requirements, Starting Nov. 8	The State of Hawai'i will welcome international travelers under the new federal requirements starting next Monday, Nov. 8, 2021.	2021/11/02 at 2:10 pm
Plaintiffs Sue Maui County and Mayor for "Houseless Sweeps" at 'Āmala Place	A lawsuit has been filed against the mayor and County of Maui arguing that the seizure of houseless peoples' shelters and belongings at 'Āmala Place near Kanahā Beach Park without first providing a hearing "violated their constitutional rights."	2021/11/02 at 12:05 pm

Hawai'i Wildlife Discovery Center Now Open at Whalers Village	The Hawai'i Wildlife Discovery Center has more than 30 exhibits about Hawai'i's undersea life, whaling era, cultural values, and conservation work with contributions from several partners, including the nonprofit Will Smith Foundation that sponsored the Immersive Experience, one of the highlights of the Discovery Center. The six-minute video is screened on three walls with only the sounds from ocean animals and waves rushing to shore.	2021/11/02 at 10:39 am
Legislation Proposes Limits on Transient Accommodations on Maui	Bills on vacation rentals in apartment districts and new hotels on Maui will be heard on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021.	2021/11/02 at 9:56 am
Maui County Transient Accommodations Tax Now in Effect	The Maui County Council unanimously passed Bill 101 last month— that creates a 3% transient accommodations tax in Maui County.	2021/11/02 at 9:46 am
Hilton Grand Vacations' Maui Bay Villas Unveils its First 31 Units in Soft Opening	Hilton Grand Vacations Inc. announced the soft opening of its brand-new oceanfront property, Maui Bay Villas by Hilton Grand Vacations in Kihei. Located on Maui's southwest coast, the all-suite luxury resort marks HGV's first location on the island and 10th property in Hawai'i.	2021/11/01 at 11:30 am
Rancor, Rallies, Petitions and Anger: Divisiveness in the Era of COVID-19	In this era of COVID-19 and its attendant deprivations, never before has Maui seemed more like a house divided. What has led us here? Can we mend? Do we need to redefine aloha?	2021/11/01 at 8:54 am
Mechanical Failure May Have Contributed to Deadly Kula Crash on Halloween Night	A single car crash in Kula claimed the life of a 76-year-old Kula woman on Halloween night. Police say a preliminary investigation reveals that the 1941 Ford Woody station wagon sustained a mechanical failure, which may have contributed to the crash.	2021/11/01 at 5:37 am

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Happy New Year Maui! Public aerial fireworks displays on Lāna'i and in Wailea	As a reminder, consumer fireworks can only be legally ignited from 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve to 1 a.m. New Year's Day.	2021/12/31 at 11:30 am
HIDOE schools expected to resume in-person learning after winter break	The Hawai'i State Department of Education is expected to resume in-person learning following winter break.	2021/12/31 at 10:05 am
Dec. 31, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 3,290 new cases in Hawai'i, 5 deaths	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 3,290 new cases today. It's the second day in a row that the daily count has been above 3,000. Yesterday's count was the highest on record in Hawai'i at 3,484 new cases.	2021/12/31 at 9:57 am
Maui experts explain when to take PCR versus take-home tests as cases soar	While take-home tests have been soaring in popularity, it's important to know when to use the antigen test and when to go to the trouble of finding a provider that administers a "gold-standard" PCR or polymerase chain reaction test.	2021/12/31 at 8:30 am
Hawai'i officials monitoring COVID-19 surge, evaluating Hawai'i's Safe Travels program	State Health Director Dr. Elizabeth Char said the department continues to respond, especially as a COVID-19 surge is underway and New Year's Day is on the horizon.	2021/12/31 at 7:33 am

Maui to launch free drive-through COVID-19 testing at War Memorial in Wailuku, Jan. 3-31	The County of Maui will offer free drive-through COVID-19 testing six days a week beginning on Monday, Jan. 3, at the War Memorial Stadium parking lot in Wailuku, and continuing through Jan. 31, 2022.	2021/12/31 at 6:30 am
Missing Person: California man last seen swimming at Honomanū, Maui	The Maui Police Department is requesting the public's assistance with any information on the whereabouts of Kody Barnes, 34, of California.	2021/12/31 at 12:52 am
Maui police to conduct fireworks enforcement during New Year's weekend	"If it's illegal fireworks, it's a Class C felony [and] it's a \$2,000 fine," said Chief Pelletier, calling it a public safety issue. "Though you may think it's harmless to fire something off, people lose limbs, we know people burn down houses, and it's usually the innocent person who is affected."	2021/12/30 at 11:20 am
Dec. 30, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 3,484 new cases in Hawai'i	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 3,484 new cases today, surpassing the previous record for daily new cases of 2,205 reported on Sunday, Dec. 26. Today's count includes 334 cases on Maui, 242 on Hawai'i Island, 147 on Kaua'i, 21 on Moloka'i, one on Lāna'i, and 59 out of state, as the Omicron surge continues.	2021/12/30 at 9:39 am
Maui's plastic disposable foodware ban is postponed to March 1	Mayor Michael Victorino signed an emergency proclamation on Wednesday that suspends the effective date of the Maui County Disposable Foodware Ordinance until March 1, 2022.	2021/12/30 at 6:06 am
Maui Health updates visitor policy amid "rapid rise" in COVID-19 cases	Maui Health's Emergency Operations Center team is updating its visitor policy effective today, due to the rapid rise of COVID-19 cases in the community.	2021/12/29 at 5:02 pm
Hawai'i follows CDC recommendations, shortens state's isolation, quarantine policy	The Hawai'i Department of Health today announced it is revising the state's COVID-19 isolation and quarantine policies to closely align with recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These changes are effective Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 for all DOH directed isolation and quarantine.	2021/12/29 at 3:39 pm
Dec. 29, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 1,561 new cases in Hawai'i, 3 deaths	Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 61.3 cases per 100,000, surpassing the Delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25.	2021/12/29 at 11:47 am
Illinois Man Pulled Unresponsive from Waters in Wailea, Maui	A 74-year-old man from Lake Forest, Illinois, was pulled unresponsive from waters in Wailea on Tuesday afternoon.	2021/12/29 at 6:47 am
Update: DLNR encourages respect after rock throwing incident at culturally sacred site	While it appears she has removed her social media postings, one woman got the attention of conservation managers and law enforcement, after posting photos of large rocks being thrown into Lake Waiau.	2021/12/28 at 6:19 pm
Update: Teen driver succumbs to injuries from vehicle crash in Lahaina	Maui police say a 17-year-old male driver that was involved in a traffic accident early Monday morning in Lahaina, has succumbed to his injuries and died.	2021/12/28 at 3:04 pm
Many UH classes to move online for first two weeks of spring semester	The 10 campuses of the University of Hawai'i will temporarily move many spring 2022 in-person courses to an online delivery for the first two weeks of the semester because of the current Omicron surge of COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i, UH announced today.	2021/12/28 at 9:56 am

Dec. 28, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 824 new cases in Hawai'i	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily was 93, with a 9.0% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is +438% from Dec. 13-26, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 55.6 newly reported cases per day over a seven day period.	2021/12/28 at 9:44 am
Two public aerial fireworks displays in Maui County for New Year's Eve	There are two public aerial fireworks displays planned in Maui County to ring in the New Year--in South Maui from a barge offshore of the Grand Wailea Resort, and at the Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i from the laydown area at 1 Mānele Bay Road.	2021/12/28 at 6:01 am
Residents plan legal action to halt controversial Kā'anapali Beach restoration plan	West Maui residents said they are pursuing legal action and other measures to halt a beach restoration plan at Kā'anapali Beach that they say is riddled with negative environmental and cultural impacts.	2021/12/27 at 7:21 pm
Maui Health monitoring potential for increased hospitalizations	Maui Health leadership continues to monitor the rise in community spread of COVID-19 and the potential for increased hospitalizations amid a surge in cases across the state.	2021/12/27 at 5:05 pm
CDC recommends shortened isolation and quarantine for COVID-19 infections	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention today issued an announcement saying it is shortening the recommended time for isolation from 10 days for people with COVID-19 to 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by five days of wearing a mask when around others.	2021/12/27 at 4:04 pm
Mayor: 'No-shows' leave COVID-19 test gaps	"Individuals who do not show up for scheduled appointments deny a testing opportunity for someone else," said Mayor Victorino.	2021/12/27 at 2:37 pm
Update: Maui teen hospitalized with life threatening injuries from single vehicle crash in Lahaina	A Maui teen sustained life threatening injuries from a single vehicle crash reported overnight in West Maui.	2021/12/27 at 11:05 am
Dec. 27, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 1,384 new cases in Hawai'i	The DOH is reporting a COVID-19 count of 1,384 today, including 71 on Maui and two on Moloka'i. The latest data represents a total of 13,966 "active" cases statewide over two week, surpassing the Delta peak of 11,500.	2021/12/27 at 10:05 am
Dec. 26, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 2,205 new cases in Hawai'i	The DOH is reporting a COVID-19 count of 2,205 today, the highest daily count on record for the state.	2021/12/26 at 9:23 am
UH: Propagation saves rare endangered species from extinction in Hawai'i	A species of plant declared extinct in the wild on Kaho'olawe in 2015, has found new life thanks to seeds collected and propagated by experts at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.	2021/12/26 at 8:45 am
HTA: Maui County has largest vacation rental supply in state in November 2021	Maui County had the largest vacation rental supply of all four counties in November, with 189,300 available unit nights (-15.6% vs. 2020, -37.8% vs. 2019), according to the Hawai'i Vacation Rental Performance Report issued by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.	2021/12/26 at 7:15 am
"Aunt Patty" retires from Maui mom and pop market after 54 years	Aunt Patty Locey will be retiring from her job as a cashier at Pukalani Superette at the end of the month.	2021/12/25 at 4:30 pm
Dec. 25, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 1,591 new cases in Hawai'i, 4 deaths	There has been an average of 1,148 cases daily over seven days (Dec. 17-23), with the DOH reporting a count of 1,591 today.	2021/12/25 at 3:23 pm

Bayada and Uptown Kitchen partner to bring Christmas to Maui kupuna	One excited resident of Hale Lōkahi 'Akahi, and former Bayada Home Health Care patient, Jojo Bonner was overcome by excitement, "I can't believe you guys came out of your way to visit me. It brings tears to my eyes. You have made my whole year."	2021/12/25 at 6:00 am
Dec. 24, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 1,828 new cases in Hawai'i, 1 death	There has been an average of 1,075 cases daily over the last seven days, with today's count rising to 1,828, the highest single daily count for Hawai'i since the pandemic began.	2021/12/24 at 10:44 am
Local families, MPD rally against impaired driving amid year of increased traffic deaths	The rally comes ahead of the holidays and during a year when traffic fatalities have spiked nearly 50% from the previous year.	2021/12/23 at 7:28 pm
New Year's Kama'āina Deal at Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Kā'anapali	Hawai'i residents can book a staycation at The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Kā'anapali with the resort's limited New Year's Kama'āina deal, available to book now for a limited time. Valid for stays Dec. 30, 2021 to Jan. 2, 2022, the package includes rates starting at \$299 and includes a \$50 resort credit.	2021/12/23 at 3:28 pm
\$2M in upgrades proposed at Mākena Beach Park including 'needed sanitation facilities'	The Mākena State Park Improvements Project would cost \$2,090,495 in state funds and take about a year to complete if it gains several approvals.	2021/12/23 at 3:00 pm
Kahului Airport Access Road renamed Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way	The Hawai'i Department of Transportation announced today that the Kahului Airport Access Road is now Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way.	2021/12/23 at 1:53 pm
Dec. 23, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 1,511 new cases in Hawai'i, 3 deaths	There were 1,511 new COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i today, including 1,293 on O'ahu, and 101 in Maui County. There were also three new deaths--two on Hawai'i Island, and one on Kaua'i. Statewide, there were 68 COVID-19 hospitalizations on Thursday. As of this morning, there are 5 people hospitalized with COVID-19 on Maui, including one in the ICU.	2021/12/23 at 9:53 am
Mayor Victorino vetoes hotel moratorium bill	The mayor said he feels the moratorium would worsen an already "dire housing crisis" by renting to visitors and taking away housing that is needed by Maui's working families.	2021/12/23 at 7:25 am
Visitor dies, among four distressed swimmers pulled from waters in West Maui	Four swimmers in distress were pulled from waters in West Maui on Wednesday afternoon, but one died in the incident.	2021/12/23 at 5:25 am
Hawai'i's Omicron cases rise to 74; Two specimens on Maui are under investigation	While all Omicron cases detected thus far are on O'ahu, four specimens from Hawai'i Island and two specimens from Maui contain a molecular clue indicating they are likely Omicron. Whole genome sequencing will be performed to determine if they are Omicron.	2021/12/22 at 4:28 pm
Maui plastic disposal foodware ban takes effect on New Year's Day	A new ban on plastic disposable foodware takes effect in Maui County on New Year's Day 2022.	2021/12/22 at 12:01 pm
New workforce homes in Kīhei now taking applications starting at \$390,000	The infilled neighborhood will consist of 100% owner occupied workforce housing units exclusively for local residents and all created with sustainable design and construction. The development itself will consist of 40 duplexes across three acres of land.	2021/12/22 at 10:52 am



Dec. 22, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 961 new cases, 2 deaths	Hawai'i has had six consecutive days with triple digit case counts exceeding 700. There are 961 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i today, including 866 on O'ahu and 58 on Maui.	2021/12/22 at 9:59 am
More out-of-state residents buying Maui homes this year	The number of homes in Hawai'i purchased by Mainland buyers in the first half of 2021 was more than double the sales in the first half of 2020 and more than 50% higher than during the first half of 2019, according to UHERO.	2021/12/22 at 8:30 am
Maui Flood Advisory canceled at 10:15 a.m., Flooding at multiple Kahului intersections	At 7:45 a.m., radar showed widespread moderate rainfall continuing over all of windward Maui, with some showers spreading to leeward areas. "Shower coverage upstream is gradually diminishing, and thus rainfall is expected to subside as the morning progresses," according to the NWS forecast.	2021/12/22 at 5:13 am
Maui Health prepares for "Likely Surge" as COVID-19 cases rise	Statewide, there were 61 people hospitalized with COVID-19, including five on Maui. Maui Memorial Medical Center is now the only site on island to administer monoclonal antibody therapy (mAb) treatment, according to Maui Health.	2021/12/21 at 5:07 pm
Amazon Founder, Jeff Bezos Makes Donation to Maui Hospital	Maui Memorial Medical Center today announced a donation from Amazon Founder and Executive Chair, Jeff Bezos. The donation will be used to expand the hospital's Emergency Department.	2021/12/21 at 10:49 am
Dec. 21, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 707 New Cases	The latest data represents a total of 5,634 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September. Today's seven day average on Maui ticked up to 18.1 cases per 100,000.	2021/12/21 at 10:17 am
Gunshot Wound is Confirmed as Cause of Death for Moloka'i Monk Seal	NOAA Fisheries has confirmed that Hawaiian monk seal L11 is confirmed to be the victim of an intentional killing by gunshot wound to the head. The young female seal was found dead on Moloka'i on Sept. 19, 2021. This marks the third confirmed intentional killing of a monk seal on Moloka'i in 2021 and the seventh on Moloka'i in the past decade.	2021/12/21 at 9:17 am
Gov. Ige's Budget Calls for Increased Funds for Pandemic Response, Critical Services	"This budget request is very different from budget requests of the previous two years, when we had to cut more than \$1 billion, and all state agencies were forced to slash spending. This year, the economy has improved more quickly than anticipated," said Gov. Ige.	2021/12/21 at 7:33 am
Pledge of "Doing the Most Good" Rings True With Red Kettle Campaign on Maui	Bell ringers are back and ringing a welcome return of a seasonal ritual, the call for help and the offer of hope to those less fortunate.	2021/12/21 at 6:48 am
Hawai'i's Omicron Count Reaches 50 Statewide	The Hawai'i Department of Health has detected additional COVID-19 cases of the Omicron variant bringing the statewide total of Omicron cases to 50. Forty-nine of the 50 cases are on O'ahu. The source and location of the remaining case is still being investigated, but health officials say it is reasonable to believe Omicron may be present on the neighbor islands.	2021/12/21 at 5:31 am
Travelers Advised of Limited Airport Parking During Holiday Season	The number of travelers this holiday season may approach pre-pandemic counts. There are a total of 1,200 public parking stalls available at Kahului Airport on Maui.	2021/12/21 at 5:20 am
Boil Water Advisory Lifted for Some Areas of Kula, Remains in Place for Others	Residents of Na'alaie, Waipoli, Polipoli and Middle roads, Kula Highway at Kēōkea, Thompson Road and 'Ulupalakua advised to continue boiling water as a precaution against bacteria.	2021/12/20 at 4:16 pm

Multi-Agency Teams Evaluate Maui Property Damage from "Kona Low" Storm	Teams organized by the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency were scheduled to inspect at least seven sites on Maui on Monday, including damage to the Pi'ilani Highway and the Kula State Forest Reserve.	2021/12/20 at 3:43 pm
Dec. 20, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 840 New Cases	There were 840 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Monday, including 742 on O'ahu and 42 on Maui. Today's seven day average on Maui ticked up to 16.5 cases per 100,000.	2021/12/20 at 12:18 pm
MFO Center Reaches First Year Goal to Help 1,000 Families in Search of Affordable Housing	The Maui Financial Opportunity Center, launched as a public-private partnership between Maui County, Hawai'i Community Foundation and Hawaiian Community Assets, has reached its first-year goal of working with more than 1,000 local families to improve financial stability in order to qualify for affordable housing.	2021/12/20 at 7:19 am
Hawai'i to Receive \$224 Million Under New Law to Strengthen Roads and Bridges	Hawai'i will receive \$224,069,212 in federal funding to improve the state's roads, bridges, and highways and implement strategies to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries.	2021/12/20 at 5:16 am
Maui Woman Dies, Reported Unresponsive on Dive Boat	Maui police are investigating the death of a Kīhei woman who was reported as unresponsive on a dive boat Sunday afternoon.	2021/12/20 at 4:51 am
Dec. 19, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 972 New Cases, 2 Deaths	There were 972 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Sunday, including 877 on O'ahu and 38 on Maui. There were two additional COVID-19 deaths today including one each on Maui and Kaua'i. The latest data represents a total of 4,237 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. Maui County's seven day average of cases peaked at 57.6 per 100,000 on Aug. 25, and has been on a steady decline since the beginning of September. Today's seven day average on Maui is 12.6 cases per 100,000.	2021/12/19 at 9:17 am
Kids Treated to Lahaina Snow Zone with 5,000 Pounds of Flaked Ice	The green grass of Lahaina's Campbell Park turned into a snow zone on Saturday night to the delight of hundreds of kids. Sponsored by Lahaina Restoration Foundation, the snow zone was made with 5,000 pounds of flaked ice.	2021/12/19 at 7:02 am
Maui County Christmas Drive-Thru Draws Hundreds for Festive Holiday Cheer	The event featured island dignitaries, holiday music, Christmas carolers, holiday decorations and a free treat bag. In the first hour of the event, approximately 155 cars and more than 500 people came through the Christmas Drive-Thru.	2021/12/18 at 8:36 pm
Project MAHI'AI Goes Online Offering Fresh Products from Island Cultivators	The Amazon-style distribution system for Maui farmers and ranchers seeks to provide fresh produce, meats, eggs and dairy mostly Grown by the Native Community.	2021/12/18 at 10:30 am
Dec. 18, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 707 New Cases, 3 Deaths	There were 707 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i on Saturday, including 622 on O'ahu. Statewide, there were 41 people hospitalized with COVID-19 on Friday, including one on Maui.	2021/12/18 at 9:27 am
Maui Health Employees Extend Compassionate Care into Community	Maui Health employees on Maui and Lāna'i helped spread holiday cheer this year to more than 40 Maui County families in need through Maui Family Support Services' Adopt-A-Family program.	2021/12/18 at 9:15 am
Satrang Indian Cuisine in Ha'ikū Offers Glimpse Into Maui's Food Truck Scene	Long before they decided to open their popular Satrang food truck in Ha'ikū Marketplace, Harpreet and her husband Jason Murthi would play a little food game. "I love to cook and I would ask, 'hey, would you pay for this,'" she said referring to recipes she would experiment with. Years later, the answer from both locals and visitors is a resounding "yes."	2021/12/18 at 7:20 am

Update: Maui Fire Department Suspends Search for Missing Snorkeler in Mākena	After three full days of searching, the Maui Fire Department suspended its search for a missing snorkeler who was last seen on Tuesday afternoon in waters off of Mākena in South Maui.	2021/12/17 at 7:14 pm
Maui Flood Warning Canceled; Flash Flooding Observed in Maui Meadows	The National Weather Service replaced the previously issued Flood Advisory with a Flood Warning for the island of Maui, now in effect until 5:45 p.m.	2021/12/17 at 2:32 pm
Hawai'i's COVID-19 Surge Explained: Highest Cases in More Than Three Months	"Omicron appears to be more easily transmitted, and it appears right now that it is less virulent. But don't be fooled into thinking it won't affect our hospitals and our families," said Dr. Char.	2021/12/17 at 1:34 pm
Boil Water Advisory Update	The Department of Water Supply reports that while some areas have tested clear for the presence of E coli in waterlines, there may be nearby, connected waterlines with possible contamination. Until flushing of waterlines is completed, it is advised to continue boiling water.	2021/12/17 at 10:56 am
Dec. 17, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 797 New Cases, 2 Deaths	The state Department of Health is reporting a spike in COVID-19 cases on O'ahu. A press briefing will be held later this morning to discuss details.	2021/12/17 at 9:25 am
"Seabury Hall-iday" Event Raises \$4,800 for Maui Charities	Seabury Hall celebrated its annual "Seabury Hall-iday" event over the past weekend, raising \$4,800 for Maui nonprofits and charities.	2021/12/17 at 8:53 am
County Issues Stop Work Order for Construction of Large Home in Nāpili, Maui	The County of Maui issued a Stop Work Order to Nāpili Beach House, LLC, developer of a large single-family residence under construction in Nāpili. The home has been the subject of an ongoing dispute over its permits and size, as well as community concerns involving the height of the structure.	2021/12/16 at 9:23 pm
UPDATE: Search Continues for Missing Snorkeler in Mākena	Fire, Ocean Safety, and USCG personnel continued searching for the snorkeler first reported missing on Tuesday afternoon. As of 3 p.m. today, there are no new developments.	2021/12/16 at 5:23 pm
Upper Kula Residents & Businesses Advised to Boil Water Before Consumption	The Department of Water Supply is advising Upper Kula residents and businesses from Crater Road to Kanaio to boil water before consumption. Trace amounts of E coli bacteria have been detected within the last 24 hours, and out of an abundance of caution, a boil water advisory is in effect. There was no presence of E coli in earlier water sampling.	2021/12/16 at 12:33 pm
Dec. 16, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 395 New Cases, 2 Deaths	Today's COVID-19 case count includes about 130 cases not previously reported because a testing provider experienced an interruption with the electronic laboratory reporting system. The backlogged cases are from specimens analyzed between Nov. 28 and Dec. 13, 2021.	2021/12/16 at 11:03 am
BREAKING: 30 Acres of East Maui Coastline Protected at Maka'ālae	Hāna-based nonprofit community organization Ke Ao Hāli'i (Save Hāna Coast), in partnership with the State of Hawai'i, County of Maui, and Hawai'i Land Trust, announce the purchase and protection of more than 30 acres at Maka'ālae along Maui's Hāna coast.	2021/12/16 at 6:45 am
Hawaiian Airlines Relaunches Sydney-Honolulu Service	Hawaiian Airlines today welcomed the first guests from Australia to touchdown in Hawai'i since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic after relaunching its nonstop service between Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport and Honolulu's Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.	2021/12/15 at 4:54 pm

Maui Memorial Medical Center's Guardian Angel Program Recognizes Exceptional Care	"In light of the incredible demands that the pandemic has imposed upon our caregivers, it was of utmost importance for us to recognize our Guardian Angels in a way that truly honored their unbelievable sacrifices and service to their patients and our community," said Melinda Sweany, Maui Health Chief Development Officer.	2021/12/15 at 4:33 pm
New Maui Police Chief Officially On Board	In addressing the department directly, Chief Pelletier thanked members for their service saying, "Please know this: I will do everything in my power each and every day to make sure you have everything you need, that you are safe, (and) that you are protected. I will make sure I am your voice when you need it. I will hold you when you need it. I will be there to comfort, to guide you, to protect you, to help you. I will never ever ask you to do anything I will not do myself. I will go to the gates of hell and kick the devil in the teeth with you. God bless you for all that you do."	2021/12/15 at 4:18 pm
53-Year-Old Visitor Dies in Waters off Kā'anapali, Maui	A 53-year-old male visitor was pulled unresponsive from waters off Kā'anapali in West Maui on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14, 2021. Maui Fire Department crews responded to the beach area fronting 104 Kā'anapali Shores Place for a report of a possible drowning. The incident was reported at around 3:35 p.m. Crews from Ladder 3 out of [...]	2021/12/15 at 12:08 pm
Dec. 15, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 282 New Cases, 5 Deaths	Of today's 282 cases, there were 223 cases identified as confirmed, and +59 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 188 on O'ahu (+42 probable); two on Hawai'i Island (+3 probable); 14 on Maui (+14 probable); 13 on Kaua'i; two on Moloka'i; and four Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/12/15 at 8:33 am
COVID-19 Mission Ending for 500 Hawai'i National Guardsmen	The COVID-19 mission for some 500 Hawai'i National Guardsmen will end on Friday.	2021/12/15 at 4:40 am
New Maui Police Chief Takes Helm Today	Maui's new police Chief, John Pelletier gets sworn in today alongside Deputy Chief Charles Hank III.	2021/12/15 at 4:29 am
UPDATE: Search Continues for Missing Snorkeler in Mākena, Maui	The search by land and sea continues for a missing snorkeler in waters off of South Maui, south of the Fairmont Kea Lani hotel and makai of Mākena Road.	2021/12/14 at 9:26 pm
Sentry Insurance Donates \$100,000 to Maui United Way to Support Kaukau 4 Keiki	Sentry Insurance Foundation has donated \$100,000 to Maui United Way for the Kaukau 4 Keiki winter program, which will go toward the purchase of food, distribution, and administration efforts to run the program on Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i.	2021/12/14 at 7:29 pm
Holiday Schedule Modified for Free Maui County COVID-19 Testing	The County of Maui's free COVID-19 testing schedule will be modified for the holiday season, except in Kīhei. Testing sites will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday and Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, for New Year's Day. After Jan. 2, 2022, free testing will resume the normal schedule (Monday/Saturday in Lahaina, Tuesday/Thursday in Kīhei, and Wednesday/Saturday in Kahului).	2021/12/14 at 6:14 pm
Get in the Holiday Spirit at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center	From live music, to local pop-up shops, and pictures with Santa, there's a host of activities planned at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center this holiday season. The holiday lineup for the month features special events, entertainment, giving opportunities, and local pop-up shops.	2021/12/14 at 12:18 pm

Dec. 14, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 214 New Cases	Of today's 214 cases, there were 212 cases identified as confirmed, and +2 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 170 on O'ahu (-1 probable); 25 on Hawai'i Island (-2 probable); four on Maui (+5 probable); six on Kaua'i; and seven Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/12/14 at 9:20 am
Hawai'i Island ed As Finalist For Up To \$100 Million Grant To Grow Ag Economy	The Hawai'i Island Coalition was named a finalist for the Biden Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge and will receive \$500,000 to further develop a proposal for between \$25 and \$100 million in potential future grant funding.	2021/12/14 at 8:42 am
Maui Police Launch "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Holiday Enforcement	Starting this Wednesday, Dec. 15, and continuing through the end of the year, officers from the Maui Police Department's Traffic Division will join law enforcement across the state to bring awareness to the dangers of impaired driving.	2021/12/14 at 8:34 am
Kula Hospital Opens Limited Spots in Upcoming Paid CNA Training Cohort	Kula Hospital is excited to announce its 11th Nurse Aid Training Program, which will start classes on Feb. 7, 2022. After a successful program launch in 2019, Kula Hospital has graduated and certified 54 Nurse Aides with many continuing on in either full-time, or part-time careers at Kula Hospital.	2021/12/13 at 6:44 pm
Maui Artist Helps Students Create "Green Dream" Mural at Pōmaika'i School	Hawai'i's first public arts integration school, Pōmaika'i Elementary in Kahului, Maui, recently expanded their Green Dream Garden with a new wall mural inspired by students and painted by renowned Maui artist Jordanne Weinstein Perkins.	2021/12/13 at 2:48 pm
Kamehameha Schools Delivers Holiday Cheer with "KeikiDesks" for 10,000 Kids	During the holidays, Kamehameha Schools will distribute approximately 10,000 KeikiDesks for haumāna in public schools across O'ahu—allowing students to have the tools to create a comfortable learning space of their own at home.	2021/12/13 at 11:22 am
Dec. 13, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 150 New Cases	Of today's 150 cases, there were 123 cases identified as confirmed, and +27 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 101 on O'ahu (+21 probable); five on Hawai'i Island (+5 probable); three on Maui; 11 on Kaua'i (+1 probable); and three Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/12/13 at 10:45 am
Maui County Enacts Historic Bill Prohibiting Non-Mineral Sunscreens	Bill 135 was introduced by Maui County Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, and was signed into law as Ordinance 5306 by Maui Mayor Michael Victorino on Dec. 6. It will take effect on Oct. 1, 2022.	2021/12/13 at 8:35 am
Dec. 12, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 215 New Cases, 5 Deaths	Of today's 215 cases, there were 203 cases identified as confirmed, and +12 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 157 on O'ahu (+8 probable); 16 on Hawai'i Island; 10 on Maui (+4 probable); 11 on Kaua'i; three on Moloka'i; and six Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/12/12 at 9:56 am
Taco Bell Lovers Rejoice! New Ho'okele Location Set to Open in Q1 of 2022	The Ho'okele site is adjacent to Safeway and is part of the company's expansion plans for Maui. It is targeted to open some time in the first quarter of 2022.	2021/12/12 at 8:57 am
Kula Forest Storm Assessment Shows Hundreds of Trees Flattened in Storm	John Niezman, a DOFAW invasive species technician said, "During my time with DOFAW, along Polipoli Spring Road, this is the worst damage I've seen with so many trees down and a lot of culverts blocked."	2021/12/11 at 1:47 pm

Dec. 11, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 189 New Cases, 8 Deaths	Of today's 189 cases, there were 159 cases identified as confirmed, and +30 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 115 on O'ahu (+19 probable); eight on Hawai'i Island (+2 probable); 10 on Maui (+7 probable); 15 on Kaua'i; seven on Moloka'i; and four Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state (+2 probable).	2021/12/11 at 9:30 am
Komoda Bakery Brings More Than a Century of Sweetness to Makawao	To tell the story of the Komoda Store and Bakery is in many ways to tell a tale of more than a century of family, work, ambition and erudition in Makawao. Of immigrants and achievement, of consistent and delicious products lovingly made...	2021/12/11 at 8:05 am
Green Waste to be Hauled from Households in Kihei and Kula Impacted by Storm	Residents in Kula and Kihei may place green waste and natural earthen material near curbs or along roadsides for pick-up, transport and dumping in the Central Maui Landfill, from Monday, Dec.13, to Thursday, Dec. 23. The service is free of charge.	2021/12/11 at 7:41 am
12 Omicron Variant Cases Confirmed in Hawai'i, All on O'ahu	"I think there's a real sense of fatigue out there in the public that people feel done with it, but unfortunately, the virus is not done with us," said Dr. Sarah Kemble.	2021/12/10 at 11:11 pm
Live Music Returns to Queen Ka'ahumanu Center with Ekolu at Kama'aina Nights	"With COVID restrictions lifted, we are thrilled to be able gather once again and bring live music back to center stage for our community to enjoy safely."	2021/12/10 at 10:00 pm
DOH Issues Cease & Desist, Levies \$58,000 Penalty to NextHealth on Maui	The Hawai'i Department of Health has ordered NextHealth to immediately cease and desist performing COVID-19 tests in the State of Hawai'i without a license, permit or written approval. DOH also levied a \$58,000 administrative penalty.	2021/12/10 at 3:00 pm
Hawai'i DOH Confirms "High Levels of Petroleum Contamination" in Red Hill Shaft	Samples from the Navy's Red Hill Shaft contained total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range organics (TPH-d) 350 times the DOH Environmental Action Level for drinking water.	2021/12/10 at 2:19 pm
Maui Mayor Signs Bill Supporting Tax Relief for Kama'aina Families with Ancestral Land	The bill aims to protect kama'aina from being taxed out of family land due to real estate speculation by outside investors.	2021/12/10 at 1:04 pm
Dec. 10, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 170 New Cases, 5 Deaths	Of today's 170 cases, there were 148 cases identified as confirmed, and +22 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 108 on O'ahu (+10 probable); eight on Hawai'i Island (+2 probable); 13 on Maui (+10 probable); five on Kaua'i; one on Moloka'i; and 13 Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/12/10 at 9:38 am
Live High Explosive Mortar Found on Maui Wedged in a Tree	Upon further inspection, an Explosive Ordnance Team from the Army found the device to be a live 60 MM High Explosive mortar with the safety pin and primer still intact.	2021/12/10 at 5:36 am
DOH Expands COVID-19 Booster Authorization to 16 and 17-Year-Olds	Hawai'i residents ages 16 and 17 may receive a booster dose if it has been at least six months since the completion of the initial series of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.	2021/12/09 at 7:25 pm
Disaster Assistance and Recovery Centers Planned for Upcountry and Kihei	The Upcountry event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center in Pukalani. The Kihei event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Kihei Community Center.	2021/12/09 at 6:51 pm



Kula Water Restoration Underway, All Main Line Breaks Repaired	Parts of Kula remain without water this evening, but could have service restored by tonight into tomorrow, barring any further breaks to water lines, according to officials with the County of Maui Department of Water Supply.	2021/12/09 at 6:17 pm
Monsanto Enters Plea Deal for Illegally Using Pesticide at Corn Growing Fields in Hawai'i	Monsanto Company agreed to plead guilty to 30 environmental crimes related to the use of a pesticide on corn fields in Hawai'i.	2021/12/09 at 2:57 pm
Sale of Royal Lahaina Resort to BlackSand Capital is Complete	BlackSand Capital, a locally owned and managed Hawai'i real estate investment firm, completed the purchase of the Royal Lahaina Resort on Maui from Pleasant Travel Service on Dec. 9.	2021/12/09 at 1:25 pm
DLNR: Big Day for Little Bird Highlights Extinction Plight Facing Hawaiian Species	A 6-month-old 'akikiki chick was safely rescued on Kaua'i and flown by helicopter to Maui. The chick and its family are believed to be among the last living 'akikiki in what was once a bastion for the critically endangered species.	2021/12/09 at 12:08 pm
Part III: Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival, In-Person Event Dec. 11	"We look forward to having the community come out to meet and shop with our Maui County vendors at this special in-person mini event. As they say, the third time is a charm."	2021/12/09 at 10:06 am
Dec. 9, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 143 New Cases, 1 Death	Of today's 143 cases, there were 130 cases identified as confirmed, and +13 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 95 on O'ahu (+3 probable); 12 on Hawai'i Island (+1 probable); 12 on Maui (+9 probable); eight on Kaua'i; and three Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/12/09 at 10:00 am
Pe'ahi Repairs Complete, 35 Pocket Outages Continue in Upcountry and Kanaio	Crews continue to respond to a few individual pocket storm-related outages remaining in the Upcountry and Kanaio area today.	2021/12/09 at 6:53 am
Emergency Repairs in Pe'ahi Require Power Outage Wednesday Night	Hawaiian Electric crews will need to make emergency repairs in the Pe'ahi area requiring a scheduled outage affecting about 1,900 customers from Pe'ahi to East Maui, this evening, Dec. 8, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. tomorrow. Customers in the Ha'ikū area can expect to experience an initial outage between 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. tonight and again tomorrow morning between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. Times are dependent on the progress of work involved.	2021/12/08 at 7:56 pm
VIDEO: 42-Foot Maui Grown Norfolk Pine Donated as Maui County Christmas Tree	A 42-foot Maui-grown Norfolk Pine was donated to the County of Maui for this year's tree lighting ceremony, held Wednesday evening at the Kalana O Maui building in Wailuku. The tree was donated by Mike Atherton of Waikapū Village.	2021/12/08 at 7:10 pm
Downed Power Line in Kahului, Temporary Power Outage	Emergency crews are responding to a downed utility pole and lines on Papa Place near the Hāna Highway intersection in Kahului. The incident was reported at around 12:33 p.m.	2021/12/08 at 1:17 pm
Waterline Repairs Continue in Kula, New Main Break Reported at Hāpapa Gulch	The Department of Water Supply reports another main water break affecting Upper Kula, located in the Hāpapa Gulch near Pūlehu Road.	2021/12/08 at 12:02 pm
Dec. 8, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 72 New Cases, 6 Deaths	Of today's 72 cases, there were 60 cases identified as confirmed, and +12 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 44 on O'ahu (+7 probable); four on Hawai'i Island (+4 probable); seven on Maui (+1 probable); five on Kaua'i; and four Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/12/08 at 10:15 am

"Highly Invasive" Red-Vented Bulbul Spotted on Maui	If red-vented bulbuls become established on Maui, they pose a severe threat to native forest ecosystems and Maui's watersheds.	2021/12/08 at 9:50 am
Turnover at Kula Clinic Reflects National Trend	Physician retention has been an issue at Kula Clinic but Tracy Dallarda, communications officer for Maui Health, sees it as part of a broader piece to the healthcare picture.	2021/12/08 at 7:15 am
Power Restoration Continues for Some 1,500 Customers on Maui	As of 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7, Hawaiian Electric crews are responding to a new outage affecting Pukalani to East Maui and parts of Makawao and Ha'ikū in addition to the existing outages in parts of Kula, Wailuku, and Lahaina.	2021/12/07 at 8:19 pm
DOH Issues Red Placard to Bar in West Maui	A follow up inspection was rescheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 due to ongoing weather and road conditions.	2021/12/07 at 4:01 pm
Repairs Underway to Damaged Water Lines in Remote areas of Kula	Multiple breaks, including approximately 80 feet of 12" waterline, have been reported in difficult-to-reach locations	2021/12/07 at 10:44 am
Aerial Reconnaissance: State of Emergency Proclaimed for Maui County Following Storm	"I've had an opportunity to survey the storm's impacts in person and by reviewing drone footage, so I can verify the damage is substantial," said Mayor Victorino.	2021/12/07 at 9:50 am
Dec. 7, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 55 New Cases	Of today's 55 cases, there were 40 cases identified as confirmed, and +15 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 20 on O'ahu (+8 probable); four on Hawai'i Island (+3 probable); one on Maui (+2 probable); 11 on Kaua'i (+2 probable); and four Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state.	2021/12/07 at 9:37 am
Maui DOE Schools and UHMC Reopen Today; Kula Elementary Closed Due to Water Main Break	All Hawai'i Department of Education public schools and offices are scheduled to be open today, Tuesday, Dec. 7, with the exception of three O'ahu schools.	2021/12/07 at 5:29 am
Glade Feike's Secret To Reaching 100th Birthday: 'Living on Maui'	Maui resident Glade Feike woke up this morning to a milestone reached by only .0004% of the world's 7.8 billion people: Her 100th birthday. She attributed her longevity to "Living on Maui."	2021/12/06 at 9:00 pm
Two Additional Omicron Variant Cases in Hawai'i	The Hawai'i Department of Health reports two additional confirmed Omicron variant COVID-19 cases and several possible points of exposure in Hawai'i. Health officials in Hawai'i are urging attendees of a New York Anime Convention and attendees of Christ Embassy Hawai'i events to get tested for COVID-19.	2021/12/06 at 4:53 pm
Operation Keiki Shield: Six Alleged Offenders Arrested and Charged on Maui	Six individuals were arrested and charged during the state's Operation Keiki Shield 10 enforcement effort that was conducted between Friday and Sunday, Dec. 3-5, 2021 on Maui. All six are accused of first degree Electronic Enticement of a Child.	2021/12/06 at 4:14 pm
UPDATE: Kekaulike Avenue in Kula Remains Closed Due to Storm Impacts	Both lanes of Kekaulike Avenue between Mile 8 (vicinity of Maui Wedding Flowers) and Alae Road are closed. Major utility repairs to remove fallen trees from power lines and replace downed poles have been completed, additional utility work is ongoing.	2021/12/06 at 2:06 pm

Dec. 6, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 148 New Cases, 1 Death	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 16, with a 1.6% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is -7% from Nov. 21 to Dec. 4, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 9.6 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/12/06 at 9:30 am
STORM PHOTOS: Maui County After Heaviest Rainfall	Below are storm photos from what the National Weather Service reported as Maui County's "heaviest rainfall." The rainfall was expected to cause "catastrophic flooding and affect areas that do not usually flood."	2021/12/06 at 9:12 am
Maui Weather Updates: Maui Flood WATCH Posted Through Tuesday Afternoon	The National Weather Service reports that flood waters have receded. Pi'ilani Highway remains closed at Pahih Gulch due to earlier flood damage. A Flood Watch remains in effect for Maui County through Tuesday afternoon.	2021/12/06 at 12:06 am
Kihei Community Center Operating as Emergency Shelter	The Maui Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with the American Red Cross has opened the Kihei Community Center as an emergency shelter to those affected by the heavy rain and flooding in South Maui. The shelter is located at 303 East Līpoa Street in central Kihei.	2021/12/05 at 9:35 pm
Maui Traffic Updates: Flooding, Debris, Downed Trees from Storm	Maui Traffic Updates: This is an ongoing list of traffic advisories resulting from flooding, debris on road, downed trees and other storm related impacts to area roadways.	2021/12/05 at 8:44 pm
Maui Power Updates: Scattered Outages	Efforts Continue to Restore Power to Upcountry Area by This Evening. Pi'iholo, Olinda, pocket outages asked to prepare for overnight outage.	2021/12/05 at 7:54 pm
UPDATE: Kahului Airport Power Restored	Emergency power is back up. Kahului Airport is now resuming operations.	2021/12/05 at 6:57 pm
Maui County Public Schools, UHMC, and KS Maui Closed Dec. 6 Due to Severe Weather	BREAKING: in Maui County — Maui, Lāna'i and Moloka'i — will be closed for students and staff tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 6, due to severe weather conditions.	2021/12/05 at 6:42 pm
Haleakalā National Park Closed Due to Severe Weather	The Summit and Kīpahulu Districts of Haleakalā National Park are closed due to severe weather effective Dec. 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. HST.	2021/12/05 at 6:24 pm
Gov. Ige and Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation Call for Immediate Suspension of Operations at Red Hill	Governor David Ige and Hawai'i's congressional delegation are calling for the Secretary of the Navy to immediately suspend operations at Red Hill following the contamination of drinking water at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.	2021/12/05 at 6:07 pm
Maui Public Advised to Prepare for Flooding; Excessive Rain Expected Into Monday	"As this unstable system continues to deliver large amounts of rain to Maui County, please prepare your household before flooding begins," said Maui Mayor Michael Victorino. "If you are in a flood prone area, take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of you and your family."	2021/12/05 at 4:06 pm
Update / OPEN: Hāna Highway Traffic Advisory in Pā'ia	Police say Hāna Highway is closed fronting Bladwin Beach Park due to a motor vehicle collision. Motorists should avoid the area and use alternate routes. We also have reports of a power pole leaning over the roadway in the area.	2021/12/05 at 3:54 pm

Dec. 5, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 148 New Cases, 1 Death	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 17, with a 1.7% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is -2% from Nov. 20 to Dec. 3, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 10.0 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/12/05 at 1:07 pm
Flood WARNING for Maui Until 12:15 a.m., Moloka'i Until 12:30 a.m.	At 6:25 p.m. HST, radar showed rain continuing to move over the slopes of Haleakalā from the south. Rain rates of 2-3 inches per hour were occurring over the Kaupō Gap area, and 1-2 inches per hour near 'Ohe'o Gulch. Heavy rainfall will also be moving over central and west Maui during the next several hours.	2021/12/05 at 12:29 pm
Los Lobos at Maui's Castle Theater, Jan. 15	The Maui Arts & Cultural Center continues to add to its upcoming shows and announces a return to Maui for multiple Grammy award winners Los Lobos. The concert takes place in Castle Theater Saturday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m.	2021/12/05 at 8:29 am
Hearing on Proposed Rule to Establish Time-Area Closures of Hawaiian Spinner Dolphins' Essential Habitats	NOAA Fisheries is holding a virtual public hearing Dec. 9 related to their proposed rule to establish time-area closures for Hawaiian spinner dolphins under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.	2021/12/05 at 7:45 am
Emergency Management Agency Urges Preparedness as Kona Low Impacts Hawai'i	Periods of extremely heavy rainfall are expected as a Kona Low develops west of Kaua'i, and pulls deep moisture over the islands. A slow-moving band of heavy rain is expected to move over the Big Island and Maui County today, spreading to O'ahu and Kaua'i County tonight and Monday. Widespread rainfall total amounts of 10 to 15 inches are anticipated, with isolated areas of 20 to 25 inches possible.	2021/12/05 at 7:01 am
Pi'ilani Highway at Pahihi Gulch Washed Out at Mile 29-30	As of 1:35 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, the Pi'ilani Highway at Pahihi Gulch will remain closed for the remainder of the day as weather continues to affect the area. The road was washed out between Mile 29 and 30 earlier today.	2021/12/04 at 9:42 am
Dec. 4, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 124 New Cases, 4 Deaths	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 16, with a 1.7% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is -2% from Nov. 19 to Dec. 2, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 9.4 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/12/04 at 9:30 am
Made In Maui County In-Person Event Rescheduled Due To Inclement Weather	Due to the current and continuing stormy weather over Maui County and flood concerns, the 8th Annual Hawaiian Airlines Made In Maui County Festival must postpone the in-person shopping event previously scheduled for Saturday Dec. 4, 2021 at War Memorial Stadium Events Field.	2021/12/03 at 9:21 pm
Maui Residents Urged to Prepare for Heavy Rain	The National Weather Service reports the State of Hawai'i will be experiencing heavy rains over the next few days. County officials say the NWS anticipates that Maui County will likely experience the greatest impacts from this storm on Sunday, Dec. 5.	2021/12/03 at 5:04 pm
Flood Advisory in Effect for Maui Until 4:45 p.m.	The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Advisory for the island of Maui until 4:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. At 1:31 p.m., radar indicated heavy rain over northern Maui, with rain falling at a rate of 1 to 2 inches per hour.	2021/12/03 at 1:40 pm
Dec. 3, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 125 New Cases, 1 Death	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 16, with a 1.7% test positivity rate over 14 days. This is +11% from Nov. 18 to Dec. 1, 2021. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 9.6 newly reported cases per day over the last seven days.	2021/12/03 at 10:48 am

Application Period for 46 Coveted DOCARE Positions Opens Early Saturday Morning	Interested applicants for one of the state's most sought after civil service positions will need to act quickly to try and land one of 46 available jobs within the DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement.	2021/12/03 at 9:19 am
Flood Advisory for Moloka'i Until 8:15 a.m.	At 5:14 a.m. HST, radar indicated heavy rain over Moloka'i, especially the southern section of the island. Rain was falling at a rate of 1 to 2 inches per hour.	2021/12/03 at 5:24 am
Cold Front Approaching State Results in Flood Watch Through Monday	The front is expected to stall near Maui County and the Big Island late Friday, bringing the potential for an extended period of heavy rainfall as a slow-moving Kona low forms west of Kaua'i on Saturday.	2021/12/02 at 5:48 pm
DOH Confirms Hawai'i's First Case of Omicron Variant in O'ahu Resident	State Epidemiologist Dr. Sarah Kemble said the adult individual under the age of 65 was not vaccinated and had been previously infected SARS-CoV-2 over a year ago. She said the individual had not traveled, and the transmission is believed to be community spread.	2021/12/02 at 2:16 pm
Search and Rescue Underway for a Family of Endangered Forest Birds on Kaua'i	If found, the birds will be flown by helicopter to Maui's Bird Conservation Center. Biologists monitoring the birds at Halehaha say the population at the site dropped from 70 birds in 2015 to just four or possibly five in 2021.	2021/12/02 at 1:33 pm
Dec. 2, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 126 New Cases, 1 Death	There are 126 additional COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i today, including 18 on Maui. Statewide, there are 39 people hospitalized with COVID-19 including five on Maui. Two of the COVID patients on Maui are in the ICU.	2021/12/02 at 11:15 am
Winter Storm Watch in Effect for Big Island Summits Friday to Saturday Night	The Big Island Summits are under a Winter Storm Watch from Friday evening through late Saturday night with heavy snow possible, according to the National Weather Service.	2021/12/02 at 8:57 am
Grow Some Good Announces Scholarship for High School Seniors	Through generous gifts from major donors, like Jeff Bezos, Grow Some Good is able to provide direct support through this scholarship fund. For the fiscal year 2021-2022, the nonprofit will award two scholarships of \$1,000 each to local high school seniors pursuing relevant college programs.	2021/12/02 at 8:44 am
Imua Discovery Garden to Host Inaugural Keiki Holiday Festival, Dec. 11	The festive holiday-themed event will feature carolers, guest appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus, Celtic pipes, hula, and the holiday lighting of a centuries-old Monkey Pod tree. Registration is required.	2021/12/02 at 8:28 am
Update: Kīpahulu District of Haleakalā National Park Closure Postponed	The Kīpahulu District of Haleakalā National Park will remain open this weekend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Maui Department of Public Works road closure along Hāna Highway has been postponed.	2021/12/02 at 5:30 am
Update/Canceled: Maui Flood Advisory Until 8:15 p.m.	At 5:13 p.m. HST, radar indicated heavy rain over the West Maui Mountains. Rain was falling at a rate of 1 to 2 inches per hour. Some locations that will experience flooding include: Kahului, Waihe'e, Kahakuloa, Waiehu, Wailuku and Waikapū.	2021/12/01 at 5:20 pm
Update/Located: Washington Woman Vacationing on Maui, Reported Missing by Family	As of Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, Sabrina Sylvia was located and found to be in good health. The Maui Police Department extended thanks to the public for their assistance.	2021/12/01 at 4:56 pm

<p>Update: Lahaina Eatery Reopens After Follow-Up Inspection</p>	<p>A follow-up inspection is scheduled for Dec. 2, 2021 to determine the status of the clean-up efforts before being allowed to reopen to the public.</p>	<p>2021/12/01 at 4:32 pm</p>
<p>Dec. 1, 2021 COVID-19 Update: 108 New Cases, 8 Deaths</p>	<p>Of today's 108 cases, there were 79 cases identified as confirmed, and +29 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 33 on O'ahu (+18 probable); three on Hawai'i Island; 17 on Maui (+8 probable); nine on Kaua'i; and 17 Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state (+3 probable).</p>	<p>2021/12/01 at 2:04 pm</p>
<p>Report: "Build Back Better Act" Will Produce \$10,900 in Savings &amp; Tax Cuts for a Typical Hawai'i Family</p>	<p>A new report from the non-partisan think tank, Third Way, has found that key provisions of President Biden's Build Back Better Act will produce \$10,900 in tax cuts and savings for a typical two-parent family of four in Hawai'i and \$17,200 in tax cuts and savings for a single mother with two kids in Hawai'i.</p>	<p>2021/12/01 at 12:15 pm</p>
<p>Vehicle Fuel Tank Leak Prompts Hazmat Response at Resort Parking Structure</p>	<p>Approximately 10 gallons of gasoline leaked from a hole in the fuel tank of a vehicle at the Grand Wailea parking structure on Tuesday morning, resulting in Hazmat response from the Maui Fire Department.</p>	<p>2021/12/01 at 11:02 am</p>