

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station KGU-AM-AM760/95.1FM
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Section 1. Issues.

The station has identified the following as significant issues and concerns to our listeners and community during this quarter:

- 1. Increase in Crime:** Provided coverage of escalating crime in Hawaii.
- 2. Coronavirus Pandemic:** How Hawaii has been affected and how it is returning to normal.
- 3. Mauna Loa Eruption:** Coverage of the eruption.
- 4. Rail:** How the Honolulu Rail System is affecting O'ahu.
- 5. PSA:** Public Service Announcement.

Section II. Responsive Programs

This station broadcast programming dealing with the above-referenced issues as follows:

1. Increase in Crime:

10/6/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) After a month, a new city initiative to cut down on crime in Waikiki is making an impact. The "Safe and Sound" initiative allows authorities to order habitual criminal offenders to stay out of Waikiki for six months to a year. If they return early, they can be arrested on sight. The Honolulu Prosecutor's Office says five repeat offenders have already been banned from Waikiki since the initiative started a month ago. There are also more police patrolling the area, working to keep people from loitering.

10/7/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) There are new details about a home invasion that left two women injured in Aiea. One of the victims was watering her plants Wednesday night, when a man pushed her to the ground and held her at gunpoint. A second man then ran inside the house and attacked a woman in a bedroom, demanding she give him money. Both suspects took off in a white BMW and are still on the loose. It's unclear if they stole any valuables. The women were hurt but refused to go to hospitals.

10/10/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) A Honolulu police officer has been arrested on suspicion of domestic violence. Forty-four-year-old Antonio Mendoza was arrested Saturday. The alleged victim is another HPD officer, and the domestic violence happened inside a home. Mendoza works in the Pearl City-Waipahu district.

10/13/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) An 81-year-old man accused of killing his 76-year-old ex-wife at an apartment in Ala Moana last week has been charged with second-degree murder. A grand jury on Oahu indicted the man from Oxnard, California on Wednesday. New court proceedings have revealed more details about the case. The man is accused of bludgeoning his ex-wife to death, after hitting her several times in the face with a wooden stool. The woman was a longtime secretary at the Philippine Consulate of Honolulu. During the past year, she had been recovering from Parkinson's Disease. The man allegedly killed the woman after the pair had a disagreement last Thursday.

10/17/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The numbers of robberies, assaults, and weapon violations reported on Oahu are on the rise this year compared to 2021. That's according to the latest Honolulu police statistics. Between January 1st and September 25th, Honolulu police arrested 577 people for weapon violations. That's up from 458 during the same period last year. Robberies climbed from 548 to 626. Assaults went up just a bit from 881 to 893. Honolulu police blame the crime increase on rising social activities and a return to pre-pandemic community behavior.

Honolulu police are searching for suspects in three separate robberies committed over the weekend. On Saturday night, police say a suspect pointed a gun at someone in the Kapolei area who was trying to stop him from robbing a store. A few hours later near Ala Wai Community Park officials say a 25-year-old man was robbed by three other men, with one of the suspects allegedly holding a knife to the victim's ribs. The most recent incident happened early Sunday morning, where police say a man hit the victim in the head with a hammer and took off with his wallet.

10/18/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Honolulu's former chief building inspector has pleaded guilty to federal bribery charges. Wayne Inouye pleaded guilty on Monday, admitting to taking 100-thousand-dollars in bribes to speed up the permitting process between 2012 and 2017. Inouye has admitted to giving several Department of Permitting and Planning customers preferential treatment, after they gave him cash. One architect gave him more than 89-thousand-dollars to quickly approve a permit Inouye says would have been approved anyway but just taken a bit longer.

10/19/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) An alleged fentanyl supplier is facing federal charges after a drug bust in Pearl City this week. DEA officials arrested 38-year-old Bronson Kepaa who they say was caught with more than 60 grams of fentanyl, crystal meth, guns, and ammo. According to court documents, several drug dealers who worked for Kepaa flipped on him and were working with federal agents. Kepaa is facing up to life in prison.

10/28/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) A man accused of operating as a Russian spy in Hawaii for several years no longer has his lawyer. On Thursday, a federal judge allowed the man to be granted a new attorney. It was revealed that, earlier this month, his public defender withdrew from the case, citing a "breakdown" in their relationship. The suspect and his wife who were living in Kapolei are accused of stealing the identities of dead babies in Texas in the 1980's and using them to pose as American citizens. Authorities say they were keeping military maps, coded messages and kits for invisible ink inside their home. Using his fake identity, the man joined the Coast Guard and worked in Hawaii for more than 20 years, then retired and got hired as a contractor for the Department of Defense.

11/1/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The U.S. Postal Service is concerned about a spike in mail thefts on the islands. Thieves are going after the mail dropped in blue collection bins. They're either finding a way to take the mail out of the bins, or just taking the entire thing, even though they're bolted down. There are growing calls for extra security from the USPS with Election Day a week away and thousands of people voting by mail, and with the holidays coming up as well.

11/3/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) A man is recovering after a brutal Halloween night attack in Waikiki. He has several broken bones in his face, including a cracked jaw and broken nose, and other injuries. The man says he was jumped by a group of about five men. He was pushed into some bushes, then hit in the face with a shovel. The suspects then ran away and are still on the loose. The motive is not

clear. The victim was released from the hospital on Wednesday, but faces an estimated two to three weeks of recovery time.

11/4/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Honolulu police are investigating a second report of Halloween candy tampering. The HPD is testing candy handed out in Kailua on Monday night for drugs. On Wednesday night, officers went door-to-door in the area of Kipuka Place, warning parents to check their kids' Halloween candy. Officers also combed through dumpsters searching for tampered-with candy or other evidence, but did not find any. Earlier this week, a woman in Ewa Beach reported finding a needle in a mini chocolate bar given to her granddaughter during trick-or-treating.

A suspect is behind bars in connection with a stabbing that left a man in critical condition in Waikiki. Honolulu police arrested a 65-year-old man on Wednesday on suspicion of second-degree attempted murder.

11/8/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) A suspect is dead after a home invasion in Kailua. Police have yet to say exactly how the 31-year-old man died on Monday morning, but they do know where he was prior to the break-in. The man had just been released from Adventist Health Castle Hospital, which is right across the street from the home. He was discharged less than a half-hour before the home invasion. After failing to break into a neighboring house, he set his sights on another house and used a chair to shatter the back door that leads to the living room. Neighbors then found him on the floor, not moving.

11/9/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Four military personnel are behind bars on suspicion of soliciting sex from minors in Hawaii. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service said on Monday the arrests were part of a multi-agency undercover law enforcement operation. The suspects include two sailors, one soldier, and one National Guard member. They are each accused of going online and soliciting sex from undercover law enforcement officers who were posing as kids.

11/15/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Inmates who were sexually assaulted and abused at a women's prison on Oahu are asking for more than eight-million-dollars in damages from the state. The women were abused by guards at the Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua in 2015 and 2016. One of the women's lawyers says there were 53 known rapes at the prison during that time. A federal court filing claims about two-dozen of the sexual assaults happened inside the prison's control stations. Some of the women represented in the lawsuit are still inmates at the prison today.

A California man pleads guilty to trafficking meth and fentanyl into Hawaii in 2019. The Department of Justice says 36-year-old Edward Kim of Los Angeles admitted he mailed nearly a pound of methamphetamine and 300 fentanyl pills to a UPS store in November 2019. Officials say before Kim's co-conspirator could get the packages he was intercepted by law enforcement and arrested. Kim faces a minimum sentence of ten years in federal prison when he's sentenced next year.

11/16/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Several minors are behind bars in connection with a series of daytime robberies in and near the Ala Moana Center. The robberies all happened Sunday. The suspects targeted the Makai Market Food Court, an area outside Planet Fitness, and another area near the intersection of Kona and Piikoi. Witnesses reported the suspects were teenagers and were armed with a machete. In one case, they allegedly threatened to stab one of their victims in the neck.

A man who ran meth for former Kauai County Councilman Arthur Brun has been sentenced to three years in prison. The man was facing at least a decade behind bars ahead of Tuesday's sentencing. He ran drugs and collected money for the drug trafficking organization led by Brun and supplied by Samoan gang members. The man agreed to plead guilty in May of 2021. He has also been sentenced to three years of federal probation.

11/17/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The state will not be held liable for sexual assaults that happened inside a women's prison in Kailua. On Wednesday, a jury ruled the state is not responsible for repeated sexual assaults involving five former inmates at the Women's Community Correctional Center. The women were sexually assaulted by four prison guards a total of at least 53 times between 2013 and 2016. The state later acknowledged the sexual assaults happened. The women sued the state for seven-and-a-half-million-dollars in damages. Their attorneys say they plan to appeal the ruling.

11/21/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) A former supervisor at the Hawaii Community Correctional Center in Hilo is being sentenced to over a decade in federal prison. According to court documents, Jonathan Taum "verbally encouraged" three other officers to assault an inmate in 2015 then tried to cover up the alleged abuse by writing false reports and providing false testimony. Authorities say the inmate was hit and kicked dozens of times over a two-minute period, and was left with major injuries including a broken jaw. Taum was sentenced to 12 years behind bars.

11/22/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) A former electrical workers' union boss in Honolulu has been found guilty on all 69 criminal counts he was facing. A federal jury convicted Brian Ahakuelo of fraud, money laundering, and embezzlement on Monday afternoon. He pocketed union dues and used them to pay for a lavish lifestyle for himself and his family. Ahakuelo's wife, Marilyn, was also convicted on several charges. Ahakuelo put five family members on the payroll of IBEW Local 1260. They all took home six-figure salaries. He also spent 80-thousand bucks in union money on a trip to Japan. Sentencing is scheduled for March.

Honolulu is getting more serious with its enforcement of a new law banning illegal vacation rentals. On Monday, Mayor Blangiardi announced the city is hiring a collection agency to handle fines that started getting handed out last month. Blangiardi says the city hasn't had its own collection agency connected with the illegal vacation rental law, adding they're "playing hardball" now. The city Department of Planning and Permitting already has a seven-person investigative team monitoring compliance. Violators are facing fines of up to ten-thousand-dollars per day.

12/8/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Five suspects are still on the loose after beating a man to death in Waikiki early Tuesday morning. But, police may be closer to finding them. Honolulu Police Chief Joe Logan says detectives are viewing surveillance footage and have leads, along with "some other things going on." The 21-year-old victim, who was beaten near a bus stop, suffered injuries to his head and chest. Family members say he was from Micronesia.

The suspect accused of stabbing a 77-year-old security guard to death in Kaneohe is behind bars. The 51-year-old man was arrested Wednesday afternoon, more than a day after the deadly stabbing in the parking lot of a strip mall. Family members have identified the victim as Mike Chu, who was also a longtime youth sports referee. Chu was stabbed several times while sitting in his car on Tuesday morning. Police say he had been arguing with the suspect before he was attacked.

12/9/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The Honolulu Police Department says a barricade suspect involved in a police standoff at Waikiki hotel Thursday has been shot and killed. A police spokesperson says officers attempted to arrest the male suspect around midnight. The suspect was taken to the hospital in critical condition with multiple gunshot wounds, where he later died, officials said. The barricade situation triggered road closures and the partial evacuation of a hotel, Authorities said around 2 p.m. Thursday, officers responded to the Ohia Waikiki Studio Suites to a male barricaded in one of the units. there were reports of shots fired from the unit.

12/14/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Honolulu police are trying to find a suspect who badly beat a woman during a home-invasion in Kahala. The 62-year-old woman was attacked on Monday night, then the suspect ransacked her home for jewelry. Detectives believe the man got in the home and left through a kitchen window. Detectives may be able to track down the suspect through fingerprints and possible DNA collected from the crime scene. The victim is still recovering from the beating.

The suspect arrested in connection with a recent death in Waikiki has been charged with second-degree murder. New documents cite retaliation between two groups as the motive for the murder on December 6th. Prosecutors say the victim was stabbed by the murder suspect. As the suspect ran away, others in his group allegedly beat the victim with a baseball bat. The suspect was arrested last Friday and remains behind bars on half-a-million-dollars bail.

12/15/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) An Oahu grand jury has indicted an 18-year-old man accused in a deadly stabbing attack in Waikiki. The suspect is accused of killing a 21-year-old man on December 6th. The man, indicted on suspicion of second-degree murder, is accused of stabbing the victim in the torso with what police are calling a dagger-type knife. Honolulu police believe the killing was the result of retaliation between two groups of men.

12/30/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) A man accused of killing a security guard in Kaneohe earlier this month still hasn't faced a judge for his arraignment. Thursday was the fourth time the man refused to come out of his cell at Oahu Community Correctional Center. The arraignment is supposed to take place via video conference. He is also refusing to speak with an attorney. A fifth arraignment and plea appearance is scheduled for Tuesday.

2. Coronavirus Pandemic:

10/7/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Honolulu and Maui Counties are back in the medium COVID-19 community threat level. Both counties moved from the low, green level, to the medium, yellow level on Thursday. The CDC partly bases the tiers on COVID-related hospital admissions, which went up this past week. Both counties are now averaging more than ten COVID-related hospital admissions per day. Hawaii as a whole is averaging 73 COVID patients in hospitals each day. Hawaii and Kauai Counties are still in the low community threat level.

10/12/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Hawaii on Wednesday reported 5 additional coronavirus deaths and 1,047 new cases in the past seven days. The latest number brings the statewide total since the start of the pandemic to 358,279. the additional fatalities bring the state's COVID death toll to 1,699.

10/20/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The Hawaii State Department of Health is reporting three new COVID-19 deaths and more than two-thousand new infections over the past week. COVID-related deaths have now risen over 17-hundred in the state since the onset of the pandemic. Since late last month, the DOH has been including re-infections in its weekly updates. Oahu remains at the top of the list of community spread with more than 15-hundred new infections.

10/26/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Hawaii's visitor numbers are down, but hotels are making more money than they did before the pandemic. This year, visitor arrivals are down ten-percent compared to 2019. And, hotel occupancy is down seven-percent. But, the Hawaii Tourism Authority says hotels are making 24-percent more revenue this year. People visiting Hawaii have spent one-point-seven-billion-dollars so far this year. That's a nearly 14-percent increase from 2019.

10/27/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Two COVID-19 variants scientists have been concerned about are now in Hawaii.

Cases of the B-Q-One and B-Q-One-Point-One variants have been detected on the islands in recent days. Public health experts say the variants can evade immunity from vaccinations and previous infections, and evade existing COVID treatments. B-Q-One was detected in Hawaii two weeks ago, and B-Q-One-Point-One was detected this week.

10/31/22– Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) While Hawaii had made leaps and bounds in its recovery from the COVID pandemic a new report shows the state's economy still has a ways to go. Officials with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism say the Aloha State won't make a full economic recovery until 2025. That's despite persisting inflation and ongoing supply chain issues. According to data compiled by the department the uptick in tourism dollars has aided in creating more jobs, helping the state rebound. The September 2022 report also found while the number of visitors to the islands has fallen, tourists are spending more money and staying longer than in years past.

11/2/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Hawaii on Wednesday reported seven additional coronavirus deaths and 1,017 new cases in the past seven days. The latest number brings the statewide total since the start of the pandemic to 362,834. The state's COVID figures don't include positives from at-home tests, so the real number is likely higher. Meanwhile, the additional fatalities bring the state's COVID death toll to 1,711.

11/11/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Nearly 21-hundred RSV cases have been reported to the Hawaii Department of Health so far this cold and flu season. DOH officials say one in four tests currently being conducted are coming back positive for RSV. Doctors say the respiratory virus, which is also spreading quickly on the mainland, has similar symptoms to the flu and COVID-19. Newborns to five-year-olds are considered particularly at-risk.

11/16/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Hawaii is reporting six new coronavirus deaths within the past week. The new data from the state's Department of Health puts the death toll at one-thousand-722. In addition, the agency is also reporting one-thousand-49 new COVID cases within a seven day span. Out of that number, Oahu saw the most infections with 749.

11/30/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Visitor arrival numbers are starting to improve from Hawaii's top international tourism market, Japan. State tourism officials say Japanese arrivals are back to about 25-percent of what they were pre-pandemic in 2019. Arrivals have kept trending upward since the summer. More than 52-hundred visitors from Japan have arrived in Hawaii this year.

12/7/22– Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Honolulu's free COVID-19 testing program is winding down. The mobile testing labs at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, Honolulu Hale, and Kapolei Hale will end on December 30th. City and County officials are encouraging people to take at-home tests or test through their healthcare provider after the program is over. Honolulu will partner with non-profit organizations to bring the remaining test kits from the mobile labs to underserved communities.

12/8/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Hawaii isn't spared from a nationwide shortage of cold medicine and children's painkillers. Some drug stores in Honolulu have nearly empty shelves in the children's and adult cold medicine sections right now. Johnson and Johnson says it's trying to meet a high demand to produce more medication as cold, flu, COVID-19, and RSV cases increase. Recent data shows COVID and flu cases are slightly increasing in Hawaii, while RSV cases peaked in October and November.

Thanksgiving gatherings might be leading to another rise in COVID cases on the islands. The daily average number of reported COVID cases in Hawaii is now 182. That's up from the average of 137 cases reported on November 30th, right after Thanksgiving. The state's average positivity rate is up from six-point-five-percent to six-point-three-percent compared to last week. And, the weekly average of COVID patients in hospitals is up from 70 to 62.

12/30/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) A new COVID testing requirement is expected to slow down Chinese tourism to Hawaii even further. Starting January 5th, all travelers must show a negative COVID test result before getting on a flight from China to the U.S. It comes after China eased COVID restrictions, which international officials blame for a surge in cases. Direct flights to Hawaii from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan have been suspended since early 2020. Before the pandemic, Hawaii was getting more than 200-thousand Chinese tourists per year. The Hawaii Tourism Authority says those Chinese tourists added about 300-million-dollars to the state's economy.

3. Mauna Loa Eruption:

10/6/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The summit of Mauna Loa is closed to the public because of increased seismic activity. The U.S. Geological Survey says Mauna Loa is not erupting, and the closure of the summit backcountry is precautionary. But, scientists say the volcano is "experiencing heightened unrest." In the past two weeks, there have been about 50 earthquakes at Mauna Loa per day. The volcanic alert level is still at advisory and the summit will be off-limits until further notice. Mauna Loa hasn't erupted since 1984.

10/7/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The alert level for Mauna Loa remains at advisory. That's despite a recent uptick in seismic activity. On Wednesday, authorities closed the summit as a precaution. Mauna Loa isn't erupting, but the U.S. Geological Survey says it's stirring. The number of earthquakes recorded around Mauna Loa has more than doubled since July and August. Some recent days have seen 40 to 50 earthquakes, up from the usual ten to 15. Mauna Loa, the largest active volcano in the world, hasn't erupted since 1984.

10/12/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The world's largest active volcano is still stirring, but geologists say there are no signs of an imminent eruption. There has been much more frequent earthquake activity on Mauna Loa for the past several days. Mauna Loa makes up more than 50-percent of the Big Island. It hasn't erupted since 1984. The warning level for the volcano is still at an advisory.

10/13/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Sixty-five earthquakes were detected on Mauna Loa in a 24-hour period between Tuesday and Wednesday. Geologists still say the world's largest active volcano is not erupting, and an eruption does not appear to be imminent. But, the U.S. Geological Survey is now giving daily updates about the increasing seismic activity. Mauna Loa hasn't erupted since 1984. The volcano is currently in what scientists are calling "heightened unrest," which is more likely to lead to it going into an eruptive state.

10/24/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Emergency plans are being made in the event Mauna Loa erupts for the first time in 38 years. Scientists with the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory say there are still no signs of an imminent eruption. But, because of heightened earthquake activity, the U.S. Geological Survey has Mauna Loa at a yellow advisory, which means "be prepared." The next level, orange watch, means "start moving." Mauna Loa is the largest active volcano in the world and covers 51-percent of the Big Island. The Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency says it has plans for shelters and evacuation corridors in place. But, scientists say it's unclear exactly where the lava would flow.

10/28/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Big Island residents living in the shadows of Mauna Loa are being urged to be prepared. Seismic activity at and near the world's largest active volcano continues to indicate an eruption could be coming soon. Scientists say things have calmed down a bit in recent days, but there were still 20 earthquakes at the volcano within a 24-hour period ending Thursday morning. All of the earthquakes were less than a magnitude three. Officials with the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory say an eruption is still not imminent. Earthquake activity is still higher than normal, but it's eased within about the past week.

11/28/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The world's largest active volcano is erupting. Mauna Loa on Hawaii's Big Island started erupting at about 11:30 local time Sunday night. It's the first time the volcano has erupted in 38 years. So far, lava flows are contained to the summit. The U.S. Geological Survey says

there is no threat to communities downslope from the volcano. Hawaii Emergency Management Agency says Hawaii Volcano Observatory received some reports of lava overflowing into the southwest portion on the Mauna Loa caldera, but at this point there are no indications that it threatens populated areas.

Mauna Loa began erupting late Sunday, [disrupting flights](#) and triggering an all-hands emergency response. The good news right now: There are no mandatory evacuations in place, but shelters have opened to accommodate those opting to leave voluntarily. It's the first eruption of Mauna Loa in 38 years. No schools are closed on Hawaii Island and emergency officials have shared a message of calm vigilance as lava largely remains at the volcano's summit. They're asking residents to stay tuned, but stress there is no immediate threat to downslope communities.

11/29/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) There is still no imminent threat of lava flow to Big Island communities downslope of Mauna Loa. The volcano began erupting late Sunday night, marking its first eruption since 1984. Some residents have voluntarily left their homes, but no evacuations have been ordered, and all schools remain open. Emergency management officials are urging residents to stay vigilant. They're also monitoring emissions of vog and shards of fine glass, also called Pele's hair. The eruption is centered on the summit of Mauna Loa, where lava fountains were measured at 200 feet high on Monday. Some flights to the Big Island have been disrupted, but state officials say visitors shouldn't cancel their travel plans.

The Mauna Loa eruption ends the longest quiet period in the volcano's recorded history. Thirty-eight years was the longest known gap it's had between eruptions. Before its previous eruption in 1984, it had gone a decade without one. The U.S. Geological Survey says Mauna Loa has erupted 34 times since 1843. It averages one eruption every five years. Before 1950, it was averaging an eruption every three-and-a-half years. Half of all recorded eruptions have stayed confined to the summit area, which is the case for the current eruption.

11/30/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The state has a plan to close a portion of Daniel K. Inouye Highway on Hawaii Island if lava from the Mauna Loa eruption approaches, officials announced Tuesday. Lava flows are headed toward the thoroughfare, but it's too soon to say if they'll cross it. If the lava does cut through the highway, it would have a major impact on the island's infrastructure and Hawaii Island Mayor Mitch Roth is asking residents to consider what alternatives they'd use. The state Transportation says if necessary, it would close the highway between the 8.8 and 21 mile markers.

12/1/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) State emergency officials monitoring the Mauna Loa eruption are now planning for a shutdown of a key highway on the Big Island. The U.S. Geological Survey now says there is a 'very high probability' lava will reach Daniel K. Inouye Highway in the coming days. The highway, also called Saddle Road, is the main thoroughfare connecting Kona and Hilo. Lava has been flowing at a rate of about 426-feet per hour at times. The USGS says it could reach the road by tomorrow at the earliest.

Lava from Mauna Loa slowed its advance toward the Daniel K. Inouye Highway on Thursday as it reached flatter ground, but officials were still bracing for lava to cross the key thoroughfare. They say it could take about a week for lava to reach the highway — now about 3 miles away. The highway, also known as Saddle Road, connects Hilo and Kona and there is significant concern about what its closure would mean for commuters and the transport of goods and services. The alternate route is much longer. Officials said Thursday the lava was advancing at about 40 yards per hours.

12/2/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Lava from the Mauna Loa eruption has yet to cross a key highway on the Big Island. The U.S. Geological Survey says the lava's progression slowed down significantly on Thursday. It's now about three miles away from Daniel K. Inouye Highway, which is the main connecting road between Hilo and Kona. The closure of the route, also called Saddle Road, would significantly slow the transportation of goods and services. Officials now say it could take about a week for lava to hit the highway after the lava moved into flatter terrain.

HAWAII Island officials have opened a new safe public viewing area for people looking to catch a glimpse of the Mauna Loa eruption. The area opened Thursday, along Old Saddle Road. It's in an effort to alleviate traffic congestion and safety concerns along Daniel K. Inouye Highway, the current Saddle Road. Security officers are now stationed in the area, directing people to the new viewing spot. Viewers are asked to stay no more than an hour-and-a-half and stay close to their vehicles. Large commercial vehicles aren't allowed.

12/5/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) A popular lava viewing area on Old Saddle Road is back open after the discovery of an unexploded ordnance. The explosive device was found shortly before noon Sunday, in lava rocks away from the road. The ordnance was safely detonated and the area was reopened at about four in the afternoon. Old Saddle Road is near the U.S. Army's Pohakuloa Training Area property, which Mauna Loa eruption spectators are being told to avoid entering.

12/7/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Lava from the Mauna Loa eruption is now less than two miles from reaching Daniel K. Inouye Highway. As of Tuesday night's update from the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, lava is about a mile-and-a-half from the main road connecting Kona and Hilo. It's moving at an average rate of about 68-feet per hour. There is still no direct threat to communities below the volcano.

12/12/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The first Mauna Loa eruption in 38 years appears to be starting to wind down two weeks after it began. Hawaii County officials are getting ready to scale back emergency operations. Nearly 20 members of the Hawaii Army National Guard are still scheduled to serve at the viewing area on Old Saddle Road through the first week of January. But, Big Island officials may begin scaling back operations on a staggered basis later this week. The National Guard members have been serving as aloha ambassadors and traffic enforcement on Daniel K. Inouye Highway since last Wednesday. Lava is no longer expected to reach the critical highway.

Photographers wanting to sell their photos and videos of the Mauna Loa eruption need a permit to do so. Hawaii State Film Commissioner Donne Dawson says keeping the images for personal use is fine. But, if they want to sell them, that's considered commercial use and requires a film permit issued by the Hawaii Film Office. The same permit is needed for all photography or filming on public property anywhere in Hawaii. Violators could face fines.

12/13/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Roughly two weeks after Mauna Loa started erupting — sending up fountains of lava as high as 500 feet and creating stunning lava rivers that moved downslope — the volcano has gone quiet. The U.S. Geological Survey announced Tuesday morning that Mauna Loa is no longer erupting. The alert level, meanwhile, has been downgraded to advisory while the aviation code is yellow. Scientists said the lava supply to the Fissure 3 vent actually ceased on Saturday.

"Mauna Loa is no longer erupting." That's the word from the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. They say a new update will be issued right away if volcanic activity is once again detected. There had been concerns lava would reach the Daniel K. Inouye [[EE no way]] Highway, the main connecting road between Hilo and Kona. It was the volcano's first eruption in almost four decades.

12/15/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The Mauna Loa eruption is costing the state more than two-million-dollars. One-and-a-half-million-dollars is the bill for damaged infrastructure, mostly on two private roads. Enforcement and viewing area operations come with a price tag of about 600-thousand-dollars. During the course of 12 days, lava traveled 16-miles and made it within one-point-seven-miles of the critical Daniel K. Inouye Highway. The lava volume was less than a quarter of the 2018 Kilauea eruption. State officials estimate about 100-thousand people watched the eruption from the designated viewing route in two weeks.

4. Rail:

10/7/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) The unusual track crossings on the Honolulu rail line won't be replaced. On Thursday, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation leader Lori Kahikina said the so-called "frogs" are here to stay. HART hired an outside consultant that said the track crossings are safe to use. But, other track experts have shown concern. Instead of replacing the track crossings with standard ones, crews will use special welding and custom wheel retrofits designed to make the frogs all right to operate.

10/13/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Two reports on hairline cracks affecting Honolulu's rail system were due on September 30th, but still aren't out. The reports will detail the extent of cracks in the rail system's overhead "hammerhead" supports, and discuss what should be done to fix them. The cracks were first spotted in 2018, and were found to have grown in both length and width this past June and July. Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation CEO Lori Kahikina says drafts of both engineering reports were submitted Friday and Monday, but need more information to be completed.

10/24/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Emergency crews are preparing for disaster ahead of the opening of the Honolulu rail system. Honolulu firefighters and paramedics practiced responding to a full-scale derailment on Saturday afternoon. The drill was conducted about 100-yards from the Kulakai Station in east Kapolei. Firefighters used rope to lower mock patients 55-feet to the ground. Rail authority CEO Lori Kahikina says this type of drill will take place each year. The first segment of the Honolulu rail line is expected to open next year.

10/28/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) More than three years worth of rail utility work along Dillingham Boulevard starts next month. The 496-million-dollar project, which will affect the area between Kalihi and Iwilei, starts four days after Thanksgiving. Crews will be relocating underground utility infrastructure to accommodate guideway installation for the Honolulu rail line. The project is scheduled to be completed in January of 2026.

11/16/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Eight of the 21 cracked support columns along the Honolulu rail line need more substantial repairs than initially thought. That's what Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation CEO Lori Kahikina told a City Council committee on Tuesday. The columns, called hammerheads, support rail stations. Inspections determined 13 of them can be fixed with epoxy to keep out moisture and prevent further cracking. The exact repairs needed to fix the other eight, more damaged, hammerheads haven't been determined. The issue will likely delay the Honolulu rail line's grand opening as a paid passenger service deeper into 2023.

12/6/22 – Newscast (30 sec. 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm) Crews are starting to close a section of Dillingham Boulevard for rail construction. Traffic will flow in one lane in each direction of Dillingham Boulevard between Mokauea Street and Waiakamilo Road until the end of the year. But, driveway entrances along Dillingham will stay open. Right turns along the boulevard will be allowed during rail construction, but left turns will be restricted.

5. PSAs :

1. Doctors Without Borders – 4x/day (:60/:30)
2. Help Heal Vets – 4x/day (:60/:30)
3. Starlight – 4x/day (:60)
4. Adopt US Kids – 4x/day (:60)
5. Mercy Ships – 4x/day (:30)
6. Oxfam – 4x/day (:30)
7. Mental Health – 4x/day (:60)
8. Cancer Screening – 4x/day (:30)
9. Caregiver Assistance – 4x/day (:60)
10. Online Pharmacies – 4x/day (:60/:30)
11. V Foundation – 4x/day (:60)
12. Pests – 4x/day (:30)

13. Parkinsons – 4x/day (:60/:30)
14. Colt Brennan Legacy Fund – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (6x/day)
15. Are You A Chameleon – PSA AD Council – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
16. AUW – Society of Young Leaders – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
17. Board of Water Supply – Red Hill Water – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
18. Diversifying Talent – PSA – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
19. Ending Hunger – PSA AD Council – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
20. Ending Hunger – PSA AD Council w/ Danica Patrick – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
21. Make A Wish – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
22. Play by Play – PSA AD Council – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
23. Preparedness Hero – PSA AD Council – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
24. Preparedness Hero – PSA AD Council – Karen – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
25. SCAM Awareness - Preparedness Hero – 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)
26. STEM Tips Photo - 10/01/22-12/31/22 – (4x/day)