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In Q1, the omicron surge begins as the year comes to an end.

JANUARY: OMICRON SURGE / CLIFF HOUSE CONTROVERSY / BOOSTER MANDATE / HOSPITALIZATIONS SURPASS DELTA SURGE / LARGE TONGA QUAKE, TSUNAMI SCARE/

•Hawai'i started off the new year dealing with the Omicron surge. The rapid spread of the variant caused a surge in demand for COVID-19 testing at health care organizations across the state. The county of Maui started community testing at the War memorial stadium parking lot to meet demands. With flight cancellations from COVID-related staff shortages continuing across the country, Kahului Airport saw similar trends.

•Questions over shoreline access and public versus private jurisdiction have bubbled to the surface in a controversy that pits a wealthy blockchain entrepreneur against many who frequent popular swimming spot Cliff House in Kapalua. Maui shoreline activist Kai Nishiki via social media Wednesday alerted residents that neighboring mansion-owner Jonathan Yantis allegedly cut down the Cliff House ladder, erected misleading nature preserve signs about native birds and hired a private security officer to "harass" people about noise, drinking and music.

- •Come Monday, a booster shot will be required for eligible individuals in order to be considered fully vaccinated in Maui County.
- •"MMMC's census is very busy at over 95% capacity with COVID and non-COVID patient care needs," said Maui Health spokesperson Tracy Dallarda. "However, the hospital is not at an 'internal emergency' status as other hospitals around the state have declared..."
- •Tsunami Advisory Ends for Hawai'i following volcanic eruption in Tonga; Maui impacts reported
- •New aerial footage of Moloka'i shows just how extensive the axis deer population has gotten, and the threats that it is posing to agriculture and forested lands.

FEBRUARY: WAR IN UKRAINE BEGINS/ POLICE CHIEF SECRETARY KILLED / BRIBERY AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE / MORE REAL ESTATE RECORDS SET

- Maui Health is once again allowing regular visitors for Maui Memorial Medical Center patients, effective today, Monday Feb. 28, 2022.
- All of Maui County's Public Health Emergency Rules are being repealed, effective March 1, 2022, according to an announcement by Maui Mayor Michael Victorino this afternoon.
- · War in Ukraine begins / gas prices rise to second highest in nation.
- The Maui Police Department is mourning the loss today of Terry Jones, the Chief's Executive Secretary, who was killed in a motor vehicle crash this morning while pursuing a suspect who reportedly stole her purse, police said.
- Former Senate Majority Leader, J. Kalani English of Maui and sate Rep. Ty Cullen are accused of taking bribes and receiving
 payment for actions involving cesspool legislation.
- Boaters are being asked to reduce transit speeds to 15 knots or less, and slow to six knots when within 400 yards of humpbacks, when approaching and departing the area.
- After jurisdiction at popular swimming spot Hāwea Point got a bit murky, Hawai'i Land Trust weighed in today, clarifying that a rule
 protects public use over a private homeowner's attempts to encroach on the area. Further, the land trust said it requested that the
 homeowner's private security guard no longer be situated at Cliff House, the rocky shoreline where people sunbathe, swim and
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- The Maui real estate market started the new year off with the median price for single-family homes rising to a record \$1,160,000 the previous high was set in June 2021 at \$1,105,000.

MARCH: SAFE TRAVELS & MASKING MANDATE END MARCH 25 / PIILANI ROUNDABOUT CONTROVERSY / UKRAINE FUNDRAISERS

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- Governor David Ige announced that the state's indoor mask mandate will end at 11:59 p.m. on March 25, 2022, when the current emergency proclamation on COVID-19 ends.
- Maui County's Plastic Disposable Foodware Ordinance No. 5084 went into effect today. The ban was supposed to take effect in the new year, but implementation was postponed for two months amid COVID-related supply chain delays.
- Governor David Ige today announced an end to the state's Safe Travels Hawai'i program for domestic travel when the state's current emergency proclamation related to COVID-19 ends on March 25, 2022; but he left the door open to potentially extend the state's indoor mask mandate.

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Title	Description	Date
Arrests made in connection with theft that preceded deadly crash involving MPD employee	Maui police arrested two suspects in connection with a theft, that preceded a deadly crash which claimed the life of the Chief's Executive Secretary Terry Jones last month.	2022/03/31 at 5:37 pm
Maui's Project Graduation: keeping the community safe while celebrating commencement milestones	Project Graduation is an overnight, substance-free graduation party where high school graduates are honored and celebrated in a safe, secure and sober environment "ensuring that our streets remain safe for our community on what has unfortunately become one of the deadliest nights of the year for teenagers."	2022/03/31 at 11:44 am
March 24-30, 2022 COVID-19 update: 6 deaths, 1,187 new infections in Hawai'i	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 1,187 new cases over the past week, between March 24-30, 2022, and six deaths statewide.	2022/03/31 at 8:50 am
Late cultural icon Edith Kanakaʻole to appear on 2023 American Women US Quarter series	The late Edith Kanaka'ole, has been selected by the US Mint to appear on the back of the US Quarter as part of the 2023 American Women Quarters series. The Department of Parks and Recreation will reopen its remaining community centers in April and May 2022 following a two year pandemic closure.	2022/03/31 at 8:02 am
Update/Canceled: Maui Flood Advisory until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday	The Flood Advisory for Maui was cancelled as of 4:02 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.	2022/03/30 at 1:36 pm
No tsunami threat to Hawai'i after 7.0 Loyalty Islands earthquake	There is no tsunami threat for Hawai'i following a 7.0 preliminary magnitude earthquake reported at 11:03 a.m. HST Southeast of the Loyalty Islands.	2022/03/30 at 11:09 am

After state lifts mask rules, some Maui parents urging public schools to do the same	In the wake of the statewide mask mandate expiring, some Maui parents have increased calls to drop public school indoor masking, saying that state and federal directives are inconsistent and masking kids over the long term causes more harm than good.	2022/03/30 at 6:30 am
Hawai'i adopts CDC guidance, allowing additional booster for certain individuals	Effective immediately, people who received their first booster shot at least four months ago may receive a second booster shot of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) if	2022/03/30 at 5:26 am
"Waterman": a film on the life and legacy of Duke Kahanamoku opens Friday	A film about the life and legacy of Hawai'i's Duke Paoa Kahanamoku opens this weekend, with showtimes at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center's Consolidated Theatres.	2022/03/29 at 2:05 pm
Hawai'i guest hits \$1.3M jackpot at 'the Cal' in Las Vegas	The latest winner, identified only as "Michelle M." in promotional photos, hit a more than \$1.3 million jackpot at Boyd Gaming's California Hotel and Casino playing IGT's Wheel of Fortune® slots on Monday, March 28.	2022/03/29 at 11:13 am
Maui Police Department announces Assistant Chief promotions	The Maui Police Department announced the promotion of Randy Esperanza to Assistant Chief of Investigative Services and Gregg Okamoto to Assistant Chief of Support Services.	2022/03/28 at 4:27 pm
Aloha for Ukraine campaign raises \$73,000 in collaboration with Maui community	Maui's Aloha for Ukraine campaign raised a total of \$73,000 during a fundraising effort held Friday March 18 in Kīhei.	2022/03/27 at 7:00 am
Kalani Pe'a to perform at GRAMMY Premiere Ceremony	Maui's Kalani Pe'a will perform during the 64th GRAMMY Premiere Ceremony at the MGM Grand Conference Marquee Ballroom in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 3, 2022.	2022/03/27 at 6:30 am
136 whales sighted over 15 minutes in 3rd coordinated count of 2022	A total of 136 whale sightings were recorded during the 15 minute period between 10 and 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, during the third coordinated count this year between the Pacific Whale Foundation on Maui and the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.	2022/03/26 at 5:52 pm

Founder of BluBlocker Sunglasses, part-time Maui resident, Joseph Sugarman dies	Entrepreneur and founder of BluBlocker Sunglasses, Joseph Sugarman, died peacefully surrounded by his family in Las Vegas on March 18, 2022. He was 83. Sugarman began living part-time on Maui starting in 1993, where he owned and ran The Maui Weekly.	2022/03/26 at 8:55 am
Nighttime traffic gridlock on Pi'ilani Highway as roundabout preparation begins	The night work on Pi'ilani Highway between Kaonoulu Street and Pi'ikea Avenue has been completed. There will be no nighttime closure Saturday, March 26, 2022. Please note that the three lane configuration and right-in, right-out at Kūlanihāko'i Street will be in place throughout Phase 1, which is anticipated to end in August.	2022/03/25 at 11:58 pm
Mayor delivers \$1.045 billion proposed budget to Maui council	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino delivered his proposed \$1.045 billion budget to the Maui County Council on Thursday. This represents an increase of \$206.1 million over FY 2022, or an increase of 23.9%.	2022/03/25 at 8:53 am
Polynesian Voyaging Society announces voyage to Tahiti, departing March 30	The "Kealaikahiki Voyage" will focus on navigational training and cultural protocol to prepare the crew and test the canoes before they embark on the Moananuiākea Voyage next year.	2022/03/25 at 5:20 am
Divers remove more than 66 pounds of debris from Oneloa Bay in Kapalua	More than 66 pounds of debris, consisting of fishing gear and golf balls, was removed from Oneloa Bay in Kapalua last Saturday in a reef clean-up event organized by Lahaina-based dive operator, Dive with Harmony, and MOC Marine Institute.	2022/03/25 at 5:01 am
March 17-23, 2022 COVID-19 update: 5 deaths, 827 new infections in Hawai'i	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 827 new cases over the past week, between March 17-23, 2022, and five new deaths.	2022/03/24 at 2:45 pm
Foodland to close all seven of its pharmacies by mid-April	The Foodland pharmacy at the Pukalani store on Maui will close on April 13, 2022, with all prescriptions to be transferred to Longs Drugs. The closure is part of a larger effort across the state, to permanently close all seven Foodland pharmacy locations across the state by mid-April.	2022/03/24 at 11:59 am

Third medical cannabis retail dispensary approved for Maui Grown Therapies	The Hawai'i State Department of Health has issued a formal notice to Maui Wellness Group, LLC, doing business as Maui Grown Therapies that authorizes the company to open its third retail store. The retail store will be located in Pukalani at 7 Āewa Place, Unit 3 in Makawao and expects to begin sales on March 25.	2022/03/24 at 8:55 am
Oakland man identified as suspect in Utah homicide, arrested on Maui	A California man was arrested on Maui after being named as a suspect in a 2019 murder investigation involving the death of a woman in Utah.	2022/03/24 at 8:31 am
New emergency proclamation signed for Maui County's axis deer problem related to drought	Governor David Ige signed a new emergency proclamation today relating to the relief for conditions created by the overpopulation of axis deer in Maui County.	2022/03/23 at 4:20 pm
Mama's Fish House owner, Maui County reach agreement over shoreline violation	Debate over beach restoration is heating up again on Maui, this time on the north shore fronting Mama's Fish House. Kuau Cove Properties, which owns Mama's Fish House land, was fined \$120,000 by the county for illegally placing sand in the shoreline area in 2019.	2022/03/23 at 6:33 am
Lawsuit over "houseless sweeps" at Kanahā advances, County of Maui plans to appeal	A Maui judge rejected the County of Maui's request to dismiss a lawsuit filed against it by residents of a "houseless encampment" at Kanahā during "sweeps" conducted late last year. The County of Maui plans to appeal, and is asking that the matter be reviewed by the Intermediate Court of Appeals.	2022/03/22 at 10:20 pm
Lahainaluna boy's dorm closure extended	According to a parent letter from interim Superintendent Keith Hayashi, the DOE is extending the closure of the boy's dormitory until newly hired dorm attendants are trained to support the program, school and Department policies.	2022/03/22 at 8:54 am
Habitat for Humanity Maui receives transformational \$3.5M gift from MacKenzie Scott	Habitat for Humanity Maui received a transformational \$3.5 million gift from American author and philanthropist MacKenzie Scott.	2022/03/22 at 6:33 am

Crash of Civil Air Patrol flight over Kaua'i claims life of two	According to a preliminary investigation, the Civil Air Patrol plane was a Cessna 172 Skyhawk (N98763) conducting monthly tsunami warning practice runs, county officials said.	2022/03/21 at 5:23 pm
UH Study: Normal will continue to be drier and drier, with more extreme wet weather events	The results of a recent study show that many regions are projected to be in permanent drought or pluvial conditions by the end of the 21st century.	2022/03/21 at 8:17 am
Save Maui trip money by camping in a rental? Council may put brakes on the growing practice	Rental vehicles with camping accessories can't be used as visitor accommodations under a new proposal being considered by county lawmakers. "Driving from West Maui to Central in the early morning or early evening, the whole coastline is littered with this kind of thing," Paltin said during the council's Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee meeting last week. "I don't think anyone of them are paying (Transient Accommodations Tax) or anything like that, and they're taking up camping spots that local people camp at."	2022/03/21 at 6:00 am
Maui smash-hit burger joint expands to Kahului, set for Upcountry	When Maui native Zach Sato opened his first restaurant, Havens, less than two years ago, he had no idea it would soon popularize smash burgers on the Valley Isle. expanded Havens from its North Kihei flagship restaurant to a food truck in Kahului on Thursday. In the next six months, he expects to open a brick-andmortar spot in Pukalani, which is already being used for prep work.	2022/03/20 at 7:30 am
Maui Police officer vacancies persist, recruitment expands to mainland	With more than a quarter of authorized officer positions vacant in Maui County, the Maui Police Department is deploying the use of QR codes and pursuing mainland recruitment in an effort to help.	2022/03/19 at 4:17 pm
Overflight Video: Kīlauea continues eruption	Over the past week, lava has continued to intermittently erupt from the western vent within Halema'uma'u crater.	2022/03/19 at 8:54 am
Hawai'i gas prices skyrocket to second highest in the nation	Hawai'i gas prices skyrocketed to the second highest in the nation behind California.	2022/03/19 at 8:10 am

Moloka'i man pleads guilty to flight interference and assault of attendant	A 33-year-old Moloka'i man pleaded guilty to interfering with flight crew members and assaulting a flight attendant in an incident reported on Sept. 23, 2021.	2022/03/18 at 3:21 pm
Maui Chef Sheldon Simeon of Tin Roof is nominated for James Beard Foundation award	Maui's Chef Sheldon Simeon, owner of Tin Roof in Kahului, is one of two Hawai'i chefs nominated by the James Beard Foundation for recognition as Best Chef in the Northwest and Pacific region which includes Alaska, Hawai'i, Oregon, and Washington.	2022/03/18 at 1:31 pm
Maui Hub expands, bringing local food to more neighborhoods	The nonprofit Maui Hub has moved its operations to an expanded facility in Kahului, enabling the organization to provide more equitable access to local food.	2022/03/18 at 9:44 am
Major Waikapū housing plan could move faster if new agreement gets green light	Long-anticipated Waikapū Country Town—the island's largest residential project in recent history—could move faster if a public-private partnership that trades infrastructure for more affordable homes gets approved, project officials said Thursday. "If all goes well, we would hope that we could have the first set of homes ready in about three years," project attorney Jeffrey Ueoka told Maui Now.	2022/03/18 at 6:45 am
'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu society to honor Queen	Members of the benevolent society, 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu, Chapter IV out of Wailuku, Maui will conduct protocol tonight in honor of Queen Ka'ahumanu in celebration of her 254th birthday.	2022/03/18 at 6:12 am
Businesses happy about mask mandate change	A number of businesses are looking forward to the state's plan to lift mask-wearing requirements indoors on March 26.	2022/03/17 at 4:14 pm
March 10-16, 2022 COVID-19 update: 14 deaths, 1,092 new infections in Hawai'i	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 1,092 new cases over the past week, between March 10-16, 2022. Hawai'i's COVID-19 deaths increased to 1,368, with 14 new deaths reported over the past week.	2022/03/17 at 9:25 am

30th Annual Celebration of the Arts at The Ritz-	The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua hosts the 30th annual Celebration of the Arts from	2022/03/17
Carlton Maui, Kapalua, April 15-16	April 15-16, 2022. Celebration of the Arts is an arts and cultural festival celebrating the spirit of aloha through more than 60 of the state's top artisans, educators, cultural practitioners, speakers, and entertainers. It is the only event of its kind in the Hawaiian Islands.	at 8:54 am
Victorino Outlines Priorities of Safety, Economy, Housing, Green Infrastructure in State of the County Address	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino delivered his State of the County address in hybrid fashion Wednesday evening from the Maui Arts & Cultural Center. His address included a mix of video and live remarks in which he highlighted several priorities moving forward.	2022/03/16 at 7:21 pm
After two years, Pa'ina Food Court at UH Maui College reopens to the public, March 23	After more than two years, the Pā'ina Food Court at the University of Hawai'i Maui College reopens to the public on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.	2022/03/16 at 8:46 am
Maui's Lei of Aloha for World Peace partners in Aloha for Ukraine fundraiser, March 18	Maui's Lei of Aloha for World Peace has partnered with Nalu's South Shore Grill, ekolu kitchen 1279, and local Maui musicians, to raise funds for organizations and volunteers in Ukraine and neighboring countries.	2022/03/16 at 7:16 am
Abandoned, historic building in Lāhainā poised for upgrades	County offices or senior center uses are being considered, along with other possibilities, for the historic Pioneer Mill Co. office building in Lāhainā. and in disrepair since the mill closed in 1999.	2022/03/16 at 6:30 am
Maui artist Kirk Kurokawa named People's Choice winner of MACC's Schaefer Portrait Challenge	Kirk Kurokawa, a Maui artist, won the popular vote and the award for his portrait, entitled Uncle Masa, oil on panel.	2022/03/15 at 7:20 pm
Hawai'i Youth Advocates rally at Capitol to raise support for bills to end youth vaping	Youth, health advocates, and elected officials gathered at the State Capitol for a press conference to bring awareness to the youth vaping epidemic. Additional sign waving events were organized on Kaua'i, O'ahu, Maui, and Hawai'i Island to build support across the state.	2022/03/15 at 10:37 am

Update: stolen canoe recovered in waters off Maui	The Maui Canoe Club is seeking the public's help with any information on the theft of a six-man outrigger canoe, stolen from the beach in North Kīhei overnight.	2022/03/15 at 8:54 am
Maui council urged to raise tax on second homes, short-term rentals to raise money for affordables	Leaving property taxes at the lowest in the nation could actually spur investment home buys in Maui County, according to a presentation Monday afternoon at council's Affordable Housing Committee. About 70% of purchases in 2020 were non-owner occupied, second homes, Hawai'i Information Service said. Meanwhile, Hawai'i this year ranked lowest in the nation for property taxes by state, according to a WalletHub study this month.	2022/03/15 at 6:30 am
100th Infantry Battalion kicks off 80th anniversary with challenge for Hawai'i students	"We initiated the '100th Infantry Battalion Challenge' to encourage young students to explore their roots and to find lessons that can be applied to today's challenges," Sakoda said.	2022/03/14 at 8:52 am
\$22.3M secured for Native Hawaiian housing, highest level of federal funding appropriated	A total of \$22.3 million is secured for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the highest level of funding ever appropriated by Congress, according to US Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i).	2022/03/13 at 11:05 am
Maui Health vaccination team recognized for milestone efforts in delivering 83,000 doses	The vaccination clinic team at Maui Health was honored Friday for their outstanding efforts in helping to vaccinate Maui residents with more than 83,000 doses since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.	2022/03/12 at 8:45 am
Maui woman dies in 50 foot fall from cliff in Kaupō	A 54-year-old woman from Haʻikū, Maui, suffered fatal injuries in a fall from a steep cliff in East Maui, Friday afternoon.	2022/03/11 at 7:23 pm
Mayor wants to convey Fairways at Maui Lani lots to Maui Health Foundation for workforce housing	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino is seeking authority from the County Council to convey 16 lots in the Fairways at Maui Lani to the Maui Health Foundation for workforce housing needed by healthcare professionals.	2022/03/11 at 7:03 pm

<u>Update: Crews douse</u> <u>brush fire along</u> <u>Haleakalā Highway</u>	Maui fire crews and first responders are on the scene of a brush fire along the Haleakalā Highway. Motorists reported seeing smoke and flames in the area off of the shoulder of the highway in makai bound direction.	2022/03/11 at 1:14 pm
Lieutenant Governor Josh Green visits Maui Economic Opportunity	Lieutenant Governor Josh Green spent about two hours at Maui Economic Opportunity's Wailuku and Pu'unēnē offices on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, visiting kūpuna and discussing the broad work of the nonprofit agency to help people in need in Maui County.	2022/03/11 at 11:52 am
\$263M in congressional spending earmarked for Hawai'i	The US Senate passed the FY22 appropriations bill which includes \$263 million in congressionally directed spending for Hawai'i.	2022/03/11 at 7:58 am
Alaula Builders selects 40 Maui families in Kīhei workforce housing lottery	Alaula Builders shared they will be presenting two more 100% workforce housing neighborhoods before the Maui County Council in April to address the pressing need for local housing on the island.	2022/03/10 at 3:19 pm
Hawaiian Electric forecasting residential bills on Maui to rise 20% in coming months	Hawaiian Electric is forecasting that residential bills for customers in Maui and Hawai'i counties will rise about 20% over the next several months, while O'ahu customers will see an estimated 10% increase.	2022/03/10 at 10:56 am
Hawai'i inmates at Saguaro transcribe braille for vision impaired school children	Hawai'i student-inmates at CoreCivic's Saguaro Correctional Center are transcribing braille for school children who are impacted by blindness or visual impairment through a course offered by the Foundation for Blind Children.	2022/03/10 at 8:52 am
Hawaiian Airlines launches statewide hiring campaign	Hawaiian Airlines has launched a statewide hiring campaign, and is recruiting more than 600 positions companywide for airport and operational positions, as well as administrative roles, to support the carrier's growth as travel demand continues to improve.	2022/03/10 at 5:11 am

Voluntary water conservation urged in Nāhiku, Maui	A recent lack of rainfall has reduced water flowing to the East Maui Irrigation tunnel that provides water to storage tanks at Nāhiku.	2022/03/09 at 4:49 pm
March 9, 2022 COVID-19 update: 154 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 154 cases, there are 143 cases identified as confirmed, and 11 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 80 on O'ahu (+8 probable); eight on Hawai'i Island; 19 on Maui (+1 probable); eight on Kaua'i (-2 probable); 0 on Moloka'i; 0 on Lāna'i; and 28 Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state (+4 probable).	2022/03/09 at 3:45 pm
Update/Expired: Maui Flood Advisory until 6:15 p.m.	At 3:04 p.m., radar showed heavy showers over Upcountry Maui, falling at rates of 1 to 1.5 inches per hour.	2022/03/09 at 3:36 pm
"Historic" drought conditions in Maui County accompanied by record low stream flow	Officials with the State Commission of Water Resource Management say a significant lack of rainfall across the island has resulted in a lack of groundwater recharge and surface flow at streams and rivers.	2022/03/09 at 8:36 am
Study: Maui ag acreage drops 19% between 2015-2020 due to loss of sugar production	With the Maui County data added, the 2020 baseline report for the state has 886,211 total agricultural acres, a decrease of 27,050 acres, or minus 3% from 2015. Total acres in planted crops in 2020 was 120,632, a decrease of 31,199 acres or minus 21%.	2022/03/09 at 6:51 am
BREAKING: Hawai'i's indoor mask mandate to expire March 25	Governor David Ige announced that the state's indoor mask mandate will end at 11:59 p.m. on March 25, 2022, when the current emergency proclamation on COVID-19 ends.	2022/03/08 at 1:44 pm
Outdoor masking to be optional at HIDOE schools starting March 9	The Hawai'i State Department of Education will be updating its COVID-19 safety protocols to make outdoor masking at public school campuses and HIDOE facilities optional for students, faculty and staff, effective March 9, 2022. Indoor masking will continue to be required. The Department has required masking both indoors and outdoors as an added protection since the []	2022/03/08 at 10:44 am

March 8, 2022 COVID-19 update: 63 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 63 cases, there are 61 cases identified as confirmed, and two probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 52 on O'ahu (-1 probable); three on Hawai'i Island (+3 probable); five on Maui; one on Kaua'i; 0 on Moloka'i; 0 on Lāna'i; and 0 Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state.	2022/03/08 at 10:15 am
\$126,700 grant to Mālama I Ke Ola will provide dental care to more underserved patients	Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center, also known as Community Clinic of Maui, was recently awarded a \$126,700 Hawai'i Dental Service Foundation grant for new dental equipment that allows all 12 of its dental operatories to safely reopen and serve the community.	2022/03/08 at 8:56 am
PAHU PIHA: A free and and fun activity box for spring break	In collaboration, Kūlua Maui, Artistry8, + Swag Hawaiʻi present PAHU PIHA, a free and fun activity pahu (box) for spring break to learn and teach your keiki to make lei using sustainable scrap fabric from Kūlua studio located in Makawao town.	2022/03/08 at 8:48 am
Four people displaced by electrical fire at apartment in Nāpili	Four people were displaced by an electrical fire at the Coconut Inn Apartments in Nāpili Friday night.	2022/03/07 at 5:24 pm
Missing Person: Edward "Kimo" Wendt Jr.	The Maui Police Department is requesting the public's assistance with any information on the whereabouts of Edward "Kimo" Wendt Jr., 54.	2022/03/07 at 2:26 pm
DoD to close Red Hill bulk fuel storage facility met with support and vigilance	The Secretary of Defense today announced a decision to defuel and permanently close the Red Hill bulk fuel storage facility in Hawai'i.	2022/03/07 at 2:12 pm
Hawaiian Airlines to resume daily Oakland-Kona summer service, add SFO-HNL flights	Hawaiian Airlines brings back nonstop service between Oakland and Kona on Island Hawai'i, and is adding a second daily flight between San Francisco and Honolulu.	2022/03/07 at 11:47 am

March 7, 2022 COVID-19 update: 92 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 92 cases, there are 75 cases identified as confirmed, and 17 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 41 on O'ahu (+12 probable); 12 on Hawai'i Island (+5 probable); nine on Maui; eight on Kaua'i; 0 on Moloka'i; two on Lāna'i; and five Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state.	2022/03/07 at 10:26 am
New, free, fast UH Community College application available for Class of 2022	The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges is launching a new admission application called the Kama'āina App. This "short, easy and free application" is exclusively for Hawai'i's Class of 2022 graduating high school seniors.	2022/03/07 at 8:35 am
Free Keiki and Family Programs at the Old Lahaina Prison during Spring Break 2022	Lahaina Quest programs are back for 2022 with a series of free keiki and family programs. The first set of programs will be offered during the spring school break.	2022/03/07 at 7:55 am
March 6, 2022 COVID-19 update: 1 death, 196 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 196 cases, there are 160 cases identified as confirmed, and 36 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 95 on O'ahu (+29 probable); 18 on Hawai'i Island (-1 probable); 19 on Maui (+2 probable); 11 on Kaua'i (+2 probable); 0 on Moloka'i; two on Lāna'i; and 15 Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state (+4 probable).	2022/03/06 at 10:33 am
Maui's King Kekaulike wins State Championship in Boys Soccer	King Kekaulike's Nā Ali'i is the first neighbor island team to win an outright state championship, and only the second title holders from Maui. The last time a Maui team won the state title in Division I was in 2018 when Baldwin High School shared the title of co-champion with Hawai'i Prep after the championship match was postponed indefinitely due to lighting.	2022/03/06 at 8:12 am
March 5, 2022 COVID-19 update: 5 deaths, 184 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 184 cases, there are 137 cases identified as confirmed, and 47 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 90 on O'ahu (+31 probable); 13 on Hawai'i Island (+6 probable); 16 on Maui (+5 probable); 10 on Kaua'i (+1 probable); one on Moloka'i; 0 on Lāna'i; and seven Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state (+4 probable).	2022/03/05 at 10:28 am

84 new senior affordable rental units at Kahului Lani II bring project total to 165	An additional 84 affordable rental units for seniors were completed recently as part of Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation's Kahului Lani Phase 2 project.	2022/03/04 at 11:28 pm
Arson investigation launched into \$2.4M fire at former Uncle Billy's Hotel in Hilo	The Hawai'i Island Police Department has launched an arson investigation into a structure fire at the former Uncle Billy's Hotel in Hilo overnight that caused an estimated \$2,025,000 in damage.	2022/03/04 at 4:07 pm
Update/Located: California woman reported missing on Maui	On Saturday, March 5, 2022, Abela's family reported she contacted them. The Maui Police Department thanks the public for their assistance.	2022/03/04 at 3:23 pm
March 4, 2022 COVID-19 update: 4 deaths, 234 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 234 cases, there are 159 cases identified as confirmed, and 75 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 98 on O'ahu (+41 probable); 14 on Hawai'i Island (+16 probable); 20 on Maui (+5 probable); nine on Kaua'i (+13 probable); 0 on Moloka'i; 0 on Lāna'i; and 18 Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state.	2022/03/04 at 1:01 pm
Senate Ways and Means passes bills to address housing shortage issues in Hawai'i	The Hawai'i State Senate's Ways and Means Committee has advanced two bills that aim to provide major funding to address the state's housing shortage.	2022/03/04 at 8:55 am
Visitor dies during snorkeling trip off Olowalu, Maui	Attempts to revive a male visitor who lost consciousness during a snorkeling trip in waters off Maui, were unsuccessful, and the man died, according to Maui police.	2022/03/04 at 5:11 am
Two residents displaced from Kula house fire	Two residents were displaced after a home fire burned a 600 square foot cottage on Puakea Place, Thursday morning.	2022/03/03 at 2:57 pm

March 3, 2022 COVID-19 update: 3 deaths, 314 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 314 cases, there are 247 cases identified as confirmed, and 67 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 161 on O'ahu (+37 probable); 14 on Hawai'i Island (+10 probable); 29 on Maui (+13 probable); 21 on Kaua'i (+2 probable); three on Moloka'i; two on Lāna'i; and 17 Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state (+5 probable).	2022/03/03 at 12:30 pm
Maui's Kobe Japanese Steak House & Oku's Sushi Bar closing after 36 years	The restaurant celebrated its 35th anniversary last year, marking three and a half decades of service from a corner spot at Luakini and Dickenson Streets. But the heavy burden of economic landscape and staffing concerns made the decision official.	2022/03/03 at 6:30 am
Maui Mayor proclaims Ukraine Solidarity Day	More than 70 people gathered this morning at the Kalana O Maui Building in Wailuku as Maui Mayor Michael Victorino proclaimed today as Ukraine Solidarity Day throughout the County of Maui.	2022/03/02 at 12:25 pm
March 2, 2022 COVID-19 update: 7 deaths, 166 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 166 cases, there are 134 cases identified as confirmed, and 32 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 61 on O'ahu (+22 probable); 19 on Hawai'i Island (+5 probable); 16 on Maui (+5 probable); 11 on Kaua'i; 0 on Moloka'i; 0 on Lāna'i; and 27 Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state.	2022/03/02 at 10:23 am
Kīpahulu Campground reopens with new online reservation system, March 16, 2022	The Kīpahulu Campground will officially reopen on March 16, 2022. To stay in the campground, campers will need to utilize the new online reservation system on recreation.gov, starting March 16.	2022/03/02 at 9:59 am
Maui's plastic disposable foodware ban is now in effect	Maui County's Plastic Disposable Foodware Ordinance No. 5084 went into effect today. The ban was supposed to take effect in the new year, but implementation was postponed for two months amid COVID-related supply chain delays.	2022/03/01 at 5:40 pm

Woman dies, caught in rip current at Koki Beach in East Maui	Rescuers were unable to save the life of a woman who became caught in a rip current at Koki Beach in East Maui on Tuesday afternoon.	2022/03/01 at 5:22 pm
Safe Travels program ends March 26; assessment underway on indoor masking	Governor David Ige today announced an end to the state's Safe Travels Hawai'i program for domestic travel when the state's current emergency proclamation related to COVID-19 ends on March 25, 2022; but he left the door open to potentially extend the state's indoor mask mandate.	2022/03/01 at 2:03 pm

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North Shore O'ahu house collapses onto beach, inundated by powerful winter swells	A beachfront home at Rocky Point on O'ahu collapsed into the sand today, inundated by powerful winter swells.	2022/02/28 at 6:52 pm
Maui Memorial Medical Center reinstates allowance of regular visitors	Maui Health is once again allowing regular visitors for Maui Memorial Medical Center patients, effective today, Monday Feb. 28, 2022.	2022/02/28 at 5:36 pm
Honolulu Mayor Blangiardi announces end of the City's COVID-19 emergency orders	Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi today announced the end of the City and County of Honolulu's COVID-19 emergency orders, including the Safe Access O'ahu program, which will sunset this week at 11:59 p.m. on March 5, 2022.	2022/02/28 at 2:41 pm
Court Order delays candidate filing for US Rep., State Senator and State House offices	The State of Hawai'i Supreme Court issued a court order temporarily suspending candidate filing for the offices of US Representative, State Senate, and State Representative contests until further notice from the court. The order arises from a challenge of the 2021 State Reapportionment Plan.	2022/02/28 at 12:20 pm

Haleakalā National Park public scoping period begins for Air Tour Management Plan	The range of potential alternatives includes no air tours over the park in the ATMP planning area, reducing the number of flights, limiting flight routes over sensitive areas, and prohibiting flights on specific days of the week. On average, there are 4,824 flights over Haleakalā National Park per year.	2022/02/28 at 11:49 am
Feb. 28, 2022 COVID-19 update: 142 new infections in Hawaiʻi	The latest data represents a total of 3,837 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. This is below the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 13.5 cases per 100,000. This is below the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, and the 412.1 per 100,000 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/28 at 10:30 am
Bottomfish restricted fishing areas now open	The DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources said they "believe that opening of all 12 of the BFRAs (four opened as of July 2019), will not adversely affect the overall sustainability of the Main Hawaiian Island Deep-7 fishery, and will be a benefit to local commercial and non-commercial bottom fishers."	2022/02/28 at 8:17 am
Maui Ocean Center gears up for 11th Annual Maui 5K, March 6, 2022	The 11th Annual Maui 5K is the only fundraising event that supports both private and public schools throughout Maui County, and it's gearing up for a morning of family fun on Sunday, March 6.	2022/02/28 at 5:13 am
Feb. 27, 2022 COVID-19 update: 4 deaths, 229 new infections in Hawai'i	The latest data represents a total of 4,187 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. This is below the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 14.3 cases per 100,000. This is below the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, and the 412.1 per 100,000 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/27 at 8:55 am
Historic win: Maui Prep DII boys basketball State Champions	"This is a historic win for Maui Prep," said Coach Cheyne De La Garza in a phone interview with Maui Now on Saturday night. "It's the first team state championship at the school, and just the second boys state championship in basketball in 40 years for Maui," he said, noting that Lahainaluna won the title in 1982.	2022/02/26 at 11:20 pm

228 whales sighted over 15 minutes during 2nd coordinated Whale Count for 2022	On Maui, Great Whale Count site leaders collected data from 11 sites during 15-minute intervals between 8:30 and 11:45 a.m. A total of 94 whale sightings were seen during the 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. time period, the most of any time period throughout the day's count.	2022/02/26 at 4:51 pm
Feb. 26, 2022 COVID-19 update: 9 deaths, 345 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 345 cases, there are 295 cases identified as confirmed, and 50 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 197 on O'ahu (+32 probable); 30 on Hawai'i Island (+14 probable); 29 on Maui (+5 probable); 18 on Kaua'i; 1 on Moloka'i (-1 probable); one on Lāna'i; and 19 Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state.	2022/02/26 at 3:55 pm
Draft Recovery Plan proposed for 50 endangered and threatened species in Hawai'i	Fifty endangered and threatened species in the Hawaiian archipelago are included in a draft recovery plan by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. This covers 35 plants, 13 invertebrates, and two birds.	2022/02/26 at 8:57 am
BREAKING: Mayor repealing Maui County Public Health Emergency Rules, effective March 1, 2022	All of Maui County's Public Health Emergency Rules are being repealed, effective March 1, 2022, according to an announcement by Maui Mayor Michael Victorino this afternoon.	2022/02/25 at 4:25 pm
CDC updates masking guidelines, lists Maui in the 'medium' COVID-19 Community Level	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released updated masking guidelines today and unveiled a new COVID-19 Community Level tool to help communities decide on what prevention steps to take based on the latest data.	2022/02/25 at 2:24 pm
'Shock, Desolation, Disappointment': Russian, Ukraine Natives on Big Island React to War	Emotions are running high in the Ukrainian and Russian communities on the Big Island.	2022/02/25 at 12:00 pm

Feb. 25, 2022 COVID-19 update: 9 deaths, 311 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 311 cases, there are 247 cases identified as confirmed, and 64 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 153 on O'ahu (+42 probable); 28 on Hawai'i Island (+13 probable); 34 on Maui (+4 probable); 18 on Kaua'i (+2 probable); 0 on Moloka'i; three on Lāna'i; and 14 Hawai'i resident diagnosed while out of state (+3 probable).	2022/02/25 at 10:30 am
Mililani Trask of Hilo to serve as the new OHA Trustee for Hawai'i Island	Former Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee Mililani Trask of Hilo was selected by the OHA Board of Trustees to serve as the new OHA Trustee for Hawai'i Island. She fills the vacancy created by the resignation of former trustee Keola Lindsey on Feb. 1, 2022.	2022/02/25 at 8:11 am
Options to control wave energy explored as beach loss continues at "Sugar Cove" near Pāʻia	To diminish beach loss, and facing the prospect of no more sand, the homeowners and the experts are looking at potentially shoring up a "natural rock groin" on the west side, according to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.	2022/02/24 at 5:42 pm
Maui police mourn loss of MPD Executive Secretary, Terry Jones	The Maui Police Department is mourning the loss today of Terry Jones, the Chief's Executive Secretary, who was killed in a motor vehicle crash this morning while pursuing a suspect who reportedly stole her purse, police said.	2022/02/24 at 5:16 pm
Speed limit on North Kīhei Road reduced permanently to 35 mph starting Feb. 25	The speed limit on North Kīhei Road will be reduced permanently from 45 mph to 35 mph, between the Māʻalaea Power Plant access and Sugar Beach, effective Friday, Feb. 25, 2022.	2022/02/24 at 10:47 am
Where's My Refund? IRS tool available to check tax refund status	The Internal Revenue Service is reminding taxpayers that the fastest and easiest way to check on tax refunds is by using the "Where's My Refund?" tool on IRS.gov or through the IRS2Go mobile app.	2022/02/24 at 10:04 am

Feb. 24, 2022 COVID-19 update: 8 deaths, 289 new infections in Hawai'i	The latest data represents a total of 5,044 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. This is below the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 17.2 cases per 100,000. This is below the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, and the 412.1 per 100,000 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/24 at 9:39 am
Residents, industry reps debate plan to cap Maui visitor units	Some residents backed a plan to cap Maui's transient accommodations, while industry testifiers questioned whether a ceiling would have unintended legal and financial consequences during a Maui County Council committee meeting Wednesday.	2022/02/24 at 6:30 am
UPDATE: Kula Highway now OPEN following traffic crash at 'A'apueo Parkway	Kula Highway is now open. All lanes are open as of 8:33 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24, in both the mauka and makai directions.	2022/02/24 at 5:23 am
Temporary closure of Lahainaluna boy's dorm comes amid investigation into misconduct allegations	The nearly one-month closure of the boy's dormitory at Lahainaluna High School comes amid an investigation into alleged misconduct.	2022/02/23 at 2:04 pm
Feb. 23, 2022 COVID-19 update: 134 new infections in Hawai'i	Today's count includes two cases on Maui, 12 on Hawai'i Island, 10 on Kaua'i, one on Moloka'i, 0 on Lāna'i, and 18 out of state. There are 91 new COVID-19 cases on O'ahu.	2022/02/23 at 10:22 am
Surfrider Foundation: tests show pollution concerns at Maliko Bay and Wailuku River	Wailuku River and Maliko Bay sites had the highest number of samples exceeding state health standards, with 27% and 36% of their samples exceeding standards respectively, according to the Surfrider Foundation report.	2022/02/23 at 9:14 am
Feb. 22, 2022 COVID-19 update: 150 new infections in Hawai'i	The latest data represents a total of 6,306 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. This is below the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 24.9 cases per 100,000. This is below the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, and the 412.1 per 100,000 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/22 at 4:53 pm

Lava will likely be visible in Kīlauea lava lake tonight	"Based on previous observations, lava will likely be visible in the active lava lake this evening," the HVO update stated.	2022/02/22 at 4:26 pm
Maui Now Survey: Majority unhappy with return of cruise ships, don't want commercial downhill bicycling tours, families feel priced out of Maui County	On Thursday, Feb. 3, Maui Now released a survey asking its readers to share their opinions and attitudes toward current issues affecting Maui County. The survey questions included topics from booster shot requirements, the return of cruise ships to Maui, staff shortages, and commercial downhill bicycling tours on the roadways of Haleakalā.	2022/02/22 at 4:03 pm
2-22-22 proves lucky for Hawai'i guest who wins \$275,717 jackpot at Fremont	A lucky Hawai'i resident hit a more than \$275,000 progressive jackpot playing IGT's Wheel of Fortune® slots at Boyd Gaming's Fremont Hotel and Casino early this morning.	2022/02/22 at 1:05 pm
Update: Four casualties confirmed in crash of civilian contracted helicopter on Kaua'i	Emergency personnel from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kaua'i responded to a crash involving a civilian contracted helicopter on the northern area of the installation shortly after 10 a.m. today, officials confirmed.	2022/02/22 at 12:57 pm
Huihui restaurant at Kāʻanapali Beach Hotel supporting efforts to reduce invasive deer	Huihui chef Tom Muromoto's thoughtfully crafted menu sources deer from the neighboring rural island for dishes that include the Moloka'i venison burger, and Moloka'i venison poke.	2022/02/22 at 8:52 am
Findings of report on tourism management and economic development to be discussed	The council's Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee will discuss the findings and recommendations of its Tourism Management and Economic Development Temporary Investigative Group—including a proposal to establish caps on all transient accommodations.	2022/02/22 at 8:22 am
Newly constructed resource center opens at Nisei Veterans Memorial Center	A blessing and grand opening event was held over the weekend for the newly constructed Stanley Izumigawa Resource Center at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center in Wailuku, Maui. The new SIRC will allow the center to double its space for visitors, workshops and research requests.	2022/02/21 at 10:27 am

Feb. 21, 2022 COVID-19 update: 206 new infections in Hawai'i	The latest data represents a total of 6,646 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. This is below the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 27.6 cases per 100,000. This is below the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, and the 412.1 per 100,000 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/21 at 9:35 am
Record graduation rates at University of Hawai'i Maui College	UH Maui College set record one-year (2.5%) and three-year (29.2%) graduation rates for full-time first-time students as well as four-year and six-year rates for part-time students.	2022/02/21 at 8:48 am
Whale Week Trivia: Do all whales sing? Where is a whale's hair? How fast are they?	Here's some whale trivia about the wintering whales that come to Hawai'i each year to breed, give birth, and nurse their young.	2022/02/21 at 6:56 am
Democratic Party selects three finalists for House District 39 vacancy	The members of the Oʻahu County Democratic Party's House District 39 selection body – comprised of the party's precinct officers and district council chair who reside in House District 39 – have selected three names to send to Governor David Ige for his consideration to fill the House vacancy created by the resignation of Ty Cullen from the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.	2022/02/21 at 6:25 am
Feb. 20, 2022 COVID-19 update: 4 deaths, 330 new infections in Hawai'i	Today's count includes 25 cases on Maui, 46 on Hawai'i Island, 42 on Kaua'i, one on Moloka'i, one on Lāna'i, and 20 out of state. There are 195 new COVID-19 cases on O'ahu.	2022/02/20 at 10:43 am
Gov. Ige announces \$364M in capital improvement projects	Governor David Ige announced the release of \$364,445,224 for Capital Improvement Projects that will be administered by various state departments. These funds were released in November and December of 2021, and January of 2022.	2022/02/20 at 8:08 am
Sugimura: preliminary data shows there are 46,743 axis deer from 'Ulupalakua to Pā'ia	Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura of Maui expressed her support for a proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment from Mayor Michael Victorino that would create a micro-grants program for axis deer mitigation.	2022/02/20 at 6:58 am

Plan pitches hiking water rates on Maui's thirstiest users: visitor accommodations	When severe drought puts Upcountry under water restrictions — looking down the hill at South Maui's green hotel lawns can spark frustration for residents. "It seems like the resort areas are getting preferential treatment and the rich people in Wailea can water their lawns without any kind of problems," Norman Franco, county Board of Water Supply member, said during a meeting last week. "Of course, we know that they have a different water system. But If we intend to go on a more conservative approach on the use of water, it shouldn't matter where the water is coming from, but how it's used and being more fair in the regulations."	2022/02/20 at 6:30 am
Feb. 19, 2022 COVID-19 update: 8 deaths, 375 new infections in Hawai'i	The latest data represents a total of 7,835 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. This is below the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 34.6 cases per 100,000. This is below the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, and the 412.1 per 100,000 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/19 at 10:51 am
BREAKING: Vaccines no longer required to dine-in on Maui, starting Monday Feb. 21	Come Monday, Maui's longstanding rule regarding proof of vaccination status to dine-in at restaurants or to visit other "high risk" businesses like bars and gyms, will be lifted as of Monday, Feb. 21, 2022.	2022/02/18 at 4:38 pm
Seabury Hall's "5K for Tonga" Raises \$10,300	Students at Seabury Hall raised \$10,300 for relief efforts in Tonga as a part of the school's 5K for Tonga Color Run on Feb. 15, 2022. Proceeds were donated to the Anglican Mission which has been working with local and national response teams to provide aid in wake of the volcanic eruption that occurred on Jan. 15, 2022.	2022/02/18 at 3:26 pm
Feb. 18, 2022 COVID-19 update: 2 deaths, 485 new infections in Hawai'i	The latest data represents a total of 8,641 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. This is below the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 36.4 cases per 100,000. This is below the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, and the 412.1 per 100,000 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/18 at 12:09 pm

Wolfgang's Steakhouse to open first Maui location at The Shops at Wailea this fall	Wolfgang's Steakhouse is slated to open at The Shops at Wailea in the fall of 2022, marking the first Maui location for the restaurant.	2022/02/18 at 11:30 am
Whale Week Trivia: How many whales are in Hawai'i each year?	Wolfgang's Steakhouse is slated to open at The Shops at Wailea in the fall of 2022, marking the first Maui location for the restaurant.	2022/02/17 at 5:49 pm
Feb. 17, 2022 COVID-19 update: 16 deaths, 650 new infections in Hawai'i	Hawai'i's COVID-19 deaths increased to 1,290, with 16 new deaths reported today, including: 13 on O'ahu, and three in Maui County.	2022/02/17 at 9:52 am
Maui Police Chief Pelletier highlights first 60 days in office, says morale is good	Maui Police Chief John Pelletier discussed his first 60 days in office during Wednesday's regularly scheduled Police Commission meeting, summarizing what is being done, and the upcoming plans he has for the department.	2022/02/17 at 8:56 am
Visitor suffers life- threatening injuries in bicycle crash on Makawao Avenue, Maui	A 57-year-old woman from Cedar Rapids, lowa suffered life-threatening injuries when she lost control of the bicycle she was operating and collided head-on into a vehicle on Makawao Avenue.	2022/02/16 at 11:15 pm
MPD: Theft suspect gets into head-on crash; then struck by pickup while evading police	Maui police arrested a man who allegedly stole a vehicle and got into a head-on crash that forced the closure of the Maui Veterans Highway early Tuesday morning. The man is also accused of striking a responding officer in the face, and running into traffic in an attempt to evade police, where he was then struck by an oncoming vehicle.	2022/02/16 at 10:23 pm
Maui hospital has "longest, most sustained" high census, not related to COVID-19	Despite dropping COVID-19 case counts, Maui Memorial Medical Center continues to experience its "longest and most sustained" high census, according to a spokesperson with Maui Health.	2022/02/16 at 8:10 pm
No tsunami threat to Hawai'i after 6.6 Fiji earthquake	There is no tsunami threat to Hawai'i after a preliminary 6.6 magnitude earthquake reported at 10:21 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, South of the Fiji Islands.	2022/02/16 at 10:37 am

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Feb. 16, 2022 COVID-19 update: 12 deaths, 203 new infections in Hawai'i	Of today's 203 cases, there are 200 cases identified as confirmed, and three probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 147 on O'ahu (+6 probable); one on Hawai'i Island (+3 probable); 29 on Maui (-1 probable); 16 on Kaua'i (-7 probable); 0 on Moloka'i; 0 on Lāna'i; and seven Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state (+2 probable).	2022/02/16 at 10:30 am
Draft recovery plan proposed for 44 endangered Hawaiian species in Maui Nui	The US Fish and Wildlife Service has a draft recovery plan for 44 endangered species that either occur or have occurred on the Hawaiian Islands of Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaho'olawe, and Maui, collectively known as Maui Nui.	2022/02/16 at 8:54 am
Red-light enforcement cameras could be coming to Maui	The red-light enforcement camera program that launched recently on O'ahu could be heading to Maui, but the pilot plan will have to be evaluated first, according to the state Department of Transportation.	2022/02/15 at 5:30 pm
Hawai'i State Senate and House leaders respond to guilty pleas by former Maui and O'ahu lawmakers	A federal court hearing was held today in which former State Senator J. Kalani English and former State Representative Ty Cullen both reportedly pleaded guilty to charges of honest services wire fraud.	2022/02/15 at 2:44 pm
Entangled mother humpback freed off Maui, improving survival chances for her and calf	A mother humpback whale was freed of more than 550 feet of line and marine debris wrapped tightly around its head during a disentanglement effort yesterday off Lahaina. Rescuers say the successful response increased the survival chances for both the mother whale and her calf.	2022/02/15 at 1:26 pm
Feb. 15, 2022 COVID-19 update: 294 new infections in Hawai'i	The latest data represents a total of 11,026 "active" cases statewide over two weeks. This is now below the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 41.9 cases per 100,000. This is below the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, and the 412.1 per 100,000 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/15 at 10:30 am

Maui's Maka'alae Farms set to receive \$250,000 in federal funds from USDA	Maka'alae Farms on Maui is set to receive \$250,000 in funding from the US Department of agriculture to help create new products and better advertise goods and services.	2022/02/15 at 8:31 am
New Raw Elements dispensers installed on Maui ahead of non-mineral sunscreen ban	Four mineral sunblock dispensers are now installed along south Maui shores. Two are at the 'Āhihi-Kīna'u Natural Area Reserve and a pair are to be installed at Mākena State Park where thousands of people enter the ocean at these locations daily.	2022/02/15 at 5:13 am
WATCH: Attorney Shannon Sheldon shares her thoughts about Hawai'i's housing crisis and outmigration of residents to the mainland	At the Imua Discovery Garden, attorney Sheldon sits down for an interview with Jack Dugan, Pacific Media Group's COO and Maui Now's digital director, answering questions about her new role as President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and sharing possible solutions to the top issues concerning Hawai'i.	2022/02/14 at 6:57 pm
Slow down! Whales are in town: New boat speed recommendations around humpbacks	Boaters are being asked to reduce transit speeds to 15 knots or less, and slow to six knots when within 400 yards of humpbacks, when approaching and departing the area.	2022/02/14 at 2:51 pm
Feb. 14, 2022 COVID-19 update: 532 new infections in Hawai'i	Today's count includes 63 cases on Maui, 86 on Hawai'i Island, 101 on Kaua'i, two on Moloka'i, three on Lāna'i, and 15 out of state. There are 228 new COVID-19 cases on O'ahu.	2022/02/14 at 10:15 am
Seascape in Māʻalaea launches lunch special to support local farmers, marine life	The restaurant in Mā'alaea, is inviting kama'āina to connect over locally sourced ingredients and a delicious three-course prix fixe menu, all for the price of \$25 per person. For each lunch purchased, Seascape will donate \$1 to the MOC Marine Institute, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of Hawaiian green sea turtles and coral restoration.	2022/02/14 at 8:27 am

Hawai'i traffic-related deaths increased 11% in 2021 from year before	Driving under the influence, speed, and distracted driving were top contributors to Hawai'i's traffic fatalities in 2021. That trend is continuing as 2022 begins to unfold, with preliminary data showing a majority of the 16 fatalities for the month of January (as of this posting), resulting from unlawful and avoidable behavior on the road.	2022/02/14 at 8:11 am
Feb. 13, 2022 COVID-19 update: 4 deaths, 532 new infections in Hawai'i	Today's count includes 82 cases on Maui, 64 on Hawai'i Island, 62 on Kaua'i, three on Moloka'i, six on Lāna'i, and 28 out of state. There are 287 new COVID-19 cases on O'ahu.	2022/02/13 at 10:42 am
Deadly motorcycle crash on Maui Veterans Highway claims life of Wailuku man	A Wailuku man suffered fatal injuries in a motorcycle crash on Maui Veterans Highway early this morning.	2022/02/13 at 9:58 am
Imua Family Services celebrates 75 years	Imua Family Services was founded to provide physical therapy to children and adults suffering from the crippling effects of polio. The organization was first known as the Maui Unit of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. It was renamed "Easter Seals" in 1967, became "Imua Rehab" in 1991, and finally landed on "Imua Family Services" in 2003.	2022/02/13 at 8:21 am
Feb. 12, 2022 COVID-19 update: 11 deaths, 740 new infections in Hawai'i	There are 740 new COVID-19 cases reported in Hawai'i today, including 72 on Maui, seven on Moloka'i, and two on Lāna'i. There's also 11 new COVID-19 deaths, including seven on O'ahu, three on Hawai'i Island, and one on Kaua'i.	2022/02/12 at 10:50 am
More ancestral remains returned to Office of Hawaiian Affairs in repatriation journey	This is the largest collection of iwi kūpuna the Hawaiian delegation is receiving on its five-stop journey in Germany and Austria. The final repatriation ceremony will be held on February 14 at the Vienna Natural History Museum. The delegation will return home to Hawai'i on February 15. Arrangments have been made with the appropriate parties to rebury the iwi kūpuna on their islands of origin, so they may finally return to their moe loa (eternal sleep).	2022/02/12 at 8:19 am

Hawai'i Senate announces plans to address corruption and reopen State Capitol	The Senate Government Operations Committee introduced a short form bill (SB 2930 SD1) that aims to establish two new divisions within the Department of the Attorney General to address fraud, white collar crime, political corruption and sex and human trafficking. The measure would appropriate \$834,000 for the operations of the Special Investigation and Prosecution unit and \$754,000 to operate the Sex and Human Trafficking unit.	2022/02/12 at 6:35 am
Feb. 11, 2022 COVID-19 update: 8 deaths, 707 new infections in Hawai'i	Today's count includes 62 cases on Maui, 148 on Hawai'i Island, 55 on Kaua'i, 14 on Moloka'i, two on Lāna'i, and 12 out of state. There are 414 new COVID-19 cases on O'ahu.	2022/02/11 at 10:04 am
Entangled sea turtle rehabilitated and released 84 days after rescue off Maui	A juvenile green sea turtle was returned to the ocean on Wednesday after it was rescued late last year and nursed back to health over the past three months.	2022/02/11 at 8:19 am
Search of South Maui waters canceled, crews determine no one is in distress	Officials with the Maui Fire Department tell Maui Now that the incident ended up being a "good intent" call, and upon further investigation, nobody was in distress.	2022/02/10 at 8:20 pm
Community invited to town hall on affordable apartments in Lahaina. Feb. 22	Discussion will include comprehensive information regarding the application, lottery and lease process, and construction updates for Kaiāulu o Kupuohi and Kaiāulu o Kūkuʻia apartment projects developed by Ikaika ʻOhana.	2022/02/10 at 6:43 pm
Lahaina theft investigation and subsequent Honoapi'ilani crash ends with truck in ocean	An investigation into a possible vehicle theft in Lahaina, ended with two suspects involved in a rollover motor vehicle accident that forced the temporary closure of the Honoapi'ilani Highway for at least two hours, Wednesday.	2022/02/10 at 5:17 pm

Mayor seeks public-private partnership to boost workforce housing in Waikapū	Waikapū Country Town is the County's largest planned residential housing development in decades. Original plans called for 1,146 market-priced units and 287 residential workforce housing units, with the potential for 146 'ohana units. If approved, Mayor Victorino's proposal will increase the total number of residential workforce housing units to 500.	2022/02/10 at 9:56 am
Feb. 10, 2022 COVID-19 update: 6 deaths, 1,195 new infections in Hawai'i	In Maui County, the seven day average for new daily cases dropped to 102. The county's test positivity rate is now 8.8%, and the statewide positivity rate is now 8.4%.	2022/02/10 at 9:47 am
GoFundMe set up for Maui police recruit who suffered heat stroke	Alexa Jacobs reports that the woman was doing her physical day in the academy when her body temperature reached 107. An update indicates she was transported to a Level 1 trauma center on Oʻahu, and placed on a liver transplant list.	2022/02/10 at 8:45 am
Plan to set standards for Maui encampment removals debated in committee	In the wake of a controversial encampment cleanup at 'Amala Place in Kahului, a Maui County Council committee is considering a proposal that would set standards for houseless sweeps, cleanups, interventions and other such responses. Introduced by Council Member Gabe Johnson, the measure would set procedures for the removal and storage of property located in public places and would require that the county give people 45-day notices before removing encampments.	2022/02/10 at 6:29 am
Missing Oʻahu man last seen at Maui's Kahului Airport on Feb. 4, 2022	Police say 28-year-old Penny Schwenke of O'ahu failed to show up for work on Feb. 9. He was last seen at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4 at Maui's Kahului Airport.	2022/02/10 at 5:13 am
Final EA for Honokōwai Master Plan	The proposed Honokōwai Homestead Community Master Plan development seeks to create up to 356 single-family residential homesteads, 573 new multifamily Residential units, and 252 Subsistence Agriculture homestead lots on approximately 454 acres.	2022/02/10 at 5:00 am

Makawao Cemetery plans to more than double in size	Maui Planning Commission on Tuesday approved a permit to allow Makawao Cemetery to more than double in size to help meet future burial demand.	2022/02/10 at 4:45 am
Maui police recover \$122K worth of drugs, a firearm, and \$13K in cash in Lahaina	Maui police arrested two individuals and recovered a wide range of drugs worth an estimated \$122,000 in street value, Maui Police Chief John Pelletier announced today.	2022/02/09 at 3:59 pm
Feb. 9, 2022 COVID-19 update: 7 deaths, 519 new infections in Hawai'i	As of 9 a.m. on Feb. 9, 2022, the latest data available, there are 22 people hospitalized in Maui County with COVID-19, dropping below both the 41 reported during the height of the delta surge in August 2021, and the previous omicron high of 56 reported on Jan. 28, 2022. This includes nine vaccinated (including one boosted), and 13 unvaccinated. Of the 22 COVID-19 hospitalizations, two are in the ICU (both unvaccinated), and one is on a ventilator (unvaccinated).	2022/02/09 at 10:33 am
Update: Honoapiʻilani Highway accident at Bypass cleared, Road is now OPEN	The Honoapi'ilani Highway at the Lahaina Bypass is now OPEN in both directions as of 11:29 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022. The highway was closed since 9:19 a.m. due to a motor vehicle accident reported earlier this morning.	2022/02/09 at 9:32 am
Maui Ocean Water Quality Monitoring Program celebrates 100th sampling session	Maui's volunteer-based ocean water quality monitoring program Hui O Ka Wai Ola celebrated a special milestone: its 100th sampling session since the program began on Maui in 2016.	2022/02/09 at 8:44 am
New Kaupō center took 'lots of aloha' to build; E. Maui project gains approvals	Saying it took many years and "lots of aloha," Kaupō community leaders highlighted the significance of their new community resource center on remote, historic Kaupō School grounds, which gained approvals Tuesday at Maui Planning Commission.	2022/02/09 at 7:00 am

Former Maui senator and O'ahu lawmaker accused of taking bribes involving cesspool legislation	Former Senate Majority Leader, J. Kalani English of Maui and sate Rep. Ty Cullen are accused of taking bribes and receiving payment for actions involving cesspool legislation.	2022/02/08 at 3:11 pm
Ige: Boosters won't be added to Safe Travels Hawai'i; Indoor mask mandate continues	The Safe Travels Hawai'i program will remain unchanged at this time, and booster shots will not be required for "upto-date" vaccination status for individuals traveling to Hawai'i, Gov. David Ige announced today.	2022/02/08 at 11:14 am
Center for Hula and Associated Arts proposed in Wailuku Arts District on Maui	Mayor Michael Victorino announced that a group of Maui Kumu Hula and the County of Maui are in early planning stages to establish a cultural center called "Hālau of 'Ōiwi Art," to be located in Wailuku, Maui.	2022/02/08 at 11:03 am
Feb. 8, 2022 COVID-19 update: 533 new infections in Hawai'i	In Maui County, the seven day average for new daily cases dropped to 121. The county's test positivity rate is now 10.2%. It's the first time the rate has been reported since the 23.9% on Jan. 15, when a bottleneck in testing temporarily suspended reporting of this metric.	2022/02/08 at 9:30 am
Rep. Kai Kahele visits Maui, giving 'serious thought' to run for governor	US Rep. Kaiali'i Kahele continues making his rounds on Maui today as he updates various government and community organizations on issues pending before Congress.	2022/02/08 at 8:55 am
Conservation groups sue Grand Wailea claiming "lights harm endangered seabirds"	The lawsuit says the endangered 'ua'u seabirds, which breed nowhere else on the planet, have become disoriented by the resort's bright lights as they navigate between breeding colonies and the ocean.	2022/02/08 at 8:25 am
Maui police urge safe celebrations, launch impaired driving enforcement this weekend	Starting this Friday, Feb. 11, and continuing through the weekend, the Maui Police Department Traffic Division, will be conducting sobriety check points and saturation patrols at various locations to address impaired driving over the Super Bowl weekend.	2022/02/08 at 8:04 am

FBI: fentanyl distribution in recent case tied to drug trafficking organization on Maui	Special Agents with the FBI monitoring wiretaps authorized by the US District Court, determined that the fentanyl was being transported to Dayton, Ohio on Dec. 10, 2014 by a drug trafficking organization operating on Maui and in Northern California.	2022/02/07 at 7:04 pm
Land trust asks security guard to go in Hāwea Point Cliff House controversy	After jurisdiction at popular swimming spot Hāwea Point got a bit murky, Hawai'i Land Trust weighed in today, clarifying that a rule protects public use over a private homeowner's attempts to encroach on the area. Further, the land trust said it requested that the homeowner's private security guard no longer be situated at Cliff House, the rocky shoreline where people sunbathe, swim and jump.	2022/02/07 at 5:47 pm
Sherri Dodson to step down as Executive Director at Habitat for Humanity Maui	Habitat for Humanity Maui announced today that Sherri K. Dodson will be stepping down as Executive Director at the end of 2022, and has accepted a new role to continue with its Homeownership Education and Counseling program. Dodson has led Habitat Maui for nearly 20 years, becoming its first Executive Director back in 2003.	2022/02/07 at 10:37 am
Feb. 7, 2022 COVID-19 update: 833 new infections in Hawai'i	Today's count includes 92 cases on Maui, 125 on Hawai'i Island, 94 on Kaua'i, four on Moloka'i, seven on Lāna'i, and 23 out of state. There are 488 new COVID-19 cases on O'ahu.	2022/02/07 at 9:31 am
Feb. 6, 2022 COVID-19 update: 4 deaths and 916 new infections in Hawai'i	The latest data represents a total of 22,808 "active" cases statewide over two weeks, far surpassing the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 88.8 cases per 100,000, above the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, but below the 412.1 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/06 at 9:30 am
Missing Maui man: his vehicle and dog were found unattended at Nākālele Point	A 37-year-old Maui was reported missing after he failed to return from a short camping trip. Joseph Wyatt's vehicle was found unattended at Nākālele Point. His dog was found Friday by nearby residents in the vicinity of his vehicle.	2022/02/06 at 8:04 am

11-time World Champion Kelly Slater Wins Billabong Pro Pipeline	Today, 11-time World Champion Kelly Slater won the Billabong Pro Pipeline, the first stop on the World Surf League 2022 Championship Tour. With a near-perfect score of 18.77 (out of a possible 20), Slater earned his 8th CT win at the world-renowned Banzai Pipeline, marking his 56th CT victory. "I don't even know what to say," said Slater. []	2022/02/05 at 7:39 pm
Update/Open: Water Main Break in Kahului results in partial road closure	Repairs are complete and Kaʻahumanu Avenue is now OPEN. It was partially closed on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 5, 2022 for more than 10 hours while crews worked to make repairs following a water main break.	2022/02/05 at 7:12 pm
Feb. 5, 2022 COVID-19 update: 18 deaths and 1,278 new infections in Hawai'i	There were 1,278 new COVID-19 cases today, including 139 in Maui County; and 18 deaths, including three on Maui.	2022/02/05 at 10:30 am
Maui Public Works leadership changes: Dagdag-Andaya steps down	The Maui Department of Public Works will undergo a shift in leadership as director, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya steps down and takes on a new position with the Office on Aging. Her position will be filled by the appointment of Jordan Molina as director and Gary Ambrose as deputy director.	2022/02/05 at 7:44 am
25-mile West Maui Greenway proposed to connect Ukumehame to Līpoa Point	The Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization is preparing a Master Plan for the West Maui Greenway, a proposed 25- mile multi-use trail that will one day connect Ukumehame and Līpoa Point.	2022/02/05 at 6:41 am
Maui Mayor relaxing pandemic rule on COVID-19 boosters due to dropping cases	Come Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, the "updated" vaccination records reflecting proof of having a booster, will no longer be required for these activities. County officials provided clarification, saying the booster will be recommended, not required; but a CDC card showing proof of vaccination is still required for these activities.	2022/02/04 at 4:21 pm
Chef Pasion and Lanai Tabura team up for culinary event at Fairmont Kea Lani	Tonight marks the second night of a two night collaboration with Kō's Executive Chef Jonathan Pasion and Lanai Tabura at the Fairmont Kea Lani resort.	2022/02/04 at 3:52 pm

Drought returns to Maui County during 'strange' wet season	After a brief reprieve in December, Maui County descended again into drought as below-average rainfall dried up the state last month, recent weather reports show. The changes are part of a "strange" wet season, according to Kevin Kodama, senior service hydrologist for the National Weather Service in Honolulu.	2022/02/04 at 12:04 pm
Feb. 4, 2022 COVID-19 update: 10 deaths and 1,192 new infections in Hawai'i	Hawai'i's COVID-19 deaths increased to 1,204, with 10 new deaths reported today, including: eight on O'ahu, and two in Maui County.	2022/02/04 at 9:53 am
Feb. 3, 2022 COVID-19 update: 3 deaths and 1,532 new infections in Hawai'i	Today's count includes 138 cases on Maui, 205 on Hawai'i Island, 170 on Kaua'i, seven on Moloka'i, 10 on Lāna'i, and 49 out of state. There are 953 new COVID-19 cases on O'ahu.	2022/02/03 at 2:38 pm
NTSB preliminary report notes plane climbed 75 feet before it crashed in Hāna, Maui	The pilot of a small airplane involved in a crash near the Hāna Airport in East Maui last month said the aircraft stopped climbing shortly after takeoff, and descended nose-down into nearby trees.	2022/02/03 at 9:35 am
Maui Mayor Michael Victorino hosts Feb. 4 COVID-19 discussion panel	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino will convene a virtual COVID-19 Discussion Panel from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, on the BlueJeans video conferencing platform.	2022/02/03 at 7:10 am
Maui Police Commission suggests salary bump for Chief from \$158,000 to \$205,000	The Maui Police Commission voted unanimously to recommend a \$47,000 bump in pay for the Maui Police Chief. The item will be brought before the Maui Salary Commission for consideration.	2022/02/02 at 7:52 pm
Feb. 2, 2022 COVID-19 update: 10 deaths and 1,177 new infections in Hawai'i	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 1,177 new cases today and 10 deaths, including six on Oʻahu, and four on Maui.	2022/02/02 at 6:30 pm
Maui High School commemorates 50 years with "A Golden Homecoming"	In January 1972, the first classes moved from "Old Maui High School" in Hamakuapoko, where MHS had existed since 1913.	2022/02/02 at 12:36 pm

Hawai'i Tourism Authority awards funding to enrich community efforts in 2022	Among the Maui recipients are: Hāna Arts for workshops and events in East Maui; Lōkahi Pacific for various festivals and hoʻolauleʻa events; and Hui Noʻeau for art workshops and programs. A full list of Maui County recipients are posted below:	2022/02/02 at 10:43 am
Maui's Real Estate Market starts 2022 with new record median home price \$1,160,000	The Maui real estate market started the new year off with the median price for single-family homes rising to a record \$1,160,000 – the previous high was set in June 2021 at \$1,105,000.	2022/02/02 at 8:57 am
Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission seeks funding, restoration of two specialists	The and Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission is urging support of House Bill 1577, which seeks to fund two full-time equivalent permanent positions, and provide additional funding to support safety and infrastructure.	2022/02/02 at 8:09 am
Feb. 1, 2022 COVID-19 update: 1,068 new infections in Hawai'i	The latest data represents a total of 37,799 "active" cases statewide over two weeks, far surpassing the delta peak of 11,500. Maui County's seven day average of cases is now 149.0 cases per 100,000, surpassing the delta peak of 57.6 per 100,000 reported on Aug. 25, but below the 412.1 reported on Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/02/01 at 11:15 am
Hawai'i lawmakers, environmental groups 'disappointed' with DoD plans to appeal emergency order at Red Hill	Earthjustice and the Sierra Club of Hawai'i expressed "deep frustration" at the US Navy's decision to appeal the state's emergency order to defuel the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.	2022/02/01 at 5:19 am

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Maui resident suffers serious injuries in shoreline accident at Kapalua "Cliff House"	A 19-year-old Maui man suffered multiple traumatic injuries after falling 30 feet onto the rocks below the area known as "Cliff House" in Kapalua on Maui, Saturday.	2022/01/31 at 7:02 pm

Mayor allows West Maui Community Plan ordinance to become law without signature	Maui County Mayor Michael Victorino has allowed the updated West Maui Community Plan ordinance to pass into law today without his signature. The Maui County Council approved the plan on Jan. 14, 2022.	2022/01/31 at 6:12 pm
'Apparent drowning' at Honokōwai Beach Park	Maui emergency crews responded to an "apparent drowning" incident at Honokōwai Beach Park in West Maui on Sunday evening, Jan. 30, 2022.	2022/01/31 at 12:07 pm
UH Maui College Professor Releases Hawaiian "Hulihua" Word Game	Just in time for the start of "Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i" (Month of the Hawaiian Language), University of Hawai'i Maui College Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Keola Donaghy has released a Hawaiian language version of the popular "Wordle" online game.	2022/01/31 at 11:55 am
Jan. 31, 2022 COVID-19 update: 1 death and 1,513 new infections in Hawai'i	In Maui County, the seven day average for new daily cases dropped to 252. As of 9 a.m. on Jan. 31, 2022, the latest data available, there are 54 people hospitalized in Maui County with COVID-19.	2022/01/31 at 11:07 am
What happened to Kevin Winters? He made an ATM deposit in Kahana and vanished	On Sept. 3, 2021, Maui resident Kevin Winters deposited a \$140 check from his mother at the First Hawaiian Bank ATM in Kahana at about 6:45 in the morning, and then disappeared without a trace.	2022/01/31 at 9:44 am
HVO: 4.0 earthquake on Hawai'i Island 'appears to be part of a seismic swarm'	An early morning 4.0 earthquake in the Pāhala area of Hawai'i Island "appears to be part of a seismic swarm," according to US Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory seismologist Jefferson Chang.	2022/01/31 at 5:32 am
73-year-old man on bike dies after being struck by truck on Front Street in Lahaina	A 73-year-old male from Lahaina was riding an electric bike on Front Street Saturday night when he was struck from behind by a truck whose driver was impaired. The cyclist later died of his injuries at Maui Memorial Medical Center.	2022/01/30 at 8:48 am

Lahaina students experience humpback whales outside of the classroom	Trilogy Excursions hosted the student body of Sacred Hearts School on private whale watch tours to experience humpback whales in their natural habitat.	2022/01/28 at 1:30 pm
Volcano Watch: Kama'ehuakanaloa — the volcano formerly known as Lō'ihi Seamount	In July 2021, Lōʻihi Seamount was renamed Kamaʻehuakanaloa by the Hawaiʻi Board on Geographic Names.	2022/01/28 at 11:25 am
Court decision delays Paeahu Solar project	Innergex, a renewable energy developer based in Canada, has plans to build and operate the 15-megawatt solar array with a 60-megawatt-hour battery energy storage system on approximately 200 acres leased from 'Ulupalakua Ranch, mauka of Pi'ilani Highway in Kīhei. The project plans to utilize 150 acres of fallow grazing land for the project.	2022/01/28 at 10:30 am
Jan. 28, 2022 COVID-19 update: 1,907 new cases in Hawai'i, 5 deaths	Cases since then have been trending down, but hospitalizations on Maui remain elevated.	2022/01/28 at 9:24 am
Native Hawaiian Caucus' 2022 legislative package includes regenerative tourism	The Native Hawaiian Affairs Caucus in the Hawai'i House of Representatives recently announced their legislative package for the 2022 session which includes measures for regenerative tourism, managing native ecosystems, and museum renovations.	2022/01/28 at 6:00 am
Visitor dies after being found unresponsive in Kāʻanapali, Maui	A 52-year-old man from California died after apparently being pulled from waters unresponsive in Kāʻanapali, Maui Wednesday.	2022/01/28 at 3:34 am

Kapalua mansion owner claims to fight 'noise pollution' in Cliff House controversy	Questions over shoreline access and public versus private jurisdiction have bubbled to the surface in a controversy that pits a wealthy blockchain entrepreneur against many who frequent popular swimming spot Cliff House in Kapalua. Maui shoreline activist Kai Nishiki via social media Wednesday alerted residents that neighboring mansion-owner Jonathan Yantis allegedly cut down the Cliff House ladder, erected misleading nature preserve signs about native birds and hired a private security officer to "harass" people about noise, drinking and music.	2022/01/27 at 3:04 pm
Maui COVID-19 hospitalizations rise to 51	There are now 51 people hospitalized in Maui County with COVID-19 as of 9 a.m. on Jan. 27, 2022, marking a new record high since the start of the pandemic.	2022/01/27 at 2:14 pm
Entangled humpback whale freed of 140 feet of line and gear off Ukumehame, Maui	An entangled yearling humpback whale was freed of gear by a NOAA-led team of trained responders off Ukumehame, Maui on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2022.	2022/01/27 at 2:00 pm
HCF welcomes Keoni Kuoha as Director of House Maui Initiative	As director of the House Maui Initiative, Keoni Kuoha will work to bring together nonprofit organizations, funders, homebuilders, government and communities to create affordable housing solutions on Maui.	2022/01/27 at 10:50 am
Jan. 27, 2022 COVID-19 update: 2,380 new cases in Hawai'i, 10 deaths	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 2,380 new cases today, including 337 on Maui. There are also 10 new COVID-19 deaths reported today.	2022/01/27 at 9:50 am
Kalei's Lunchbox expands with new Maui Lani location	Kalei's Lunchbox has expanded yet again, this time with a brick-and-mortar restaurant at the Maui Lani Shopping Center, anchored by Safeway in Wailuku. This brings to three, the total number of eateries the 'ohana owned business operates.	2022/01/27 at 9:10 am

Residents: Lāna'i gas reaches \$6.39 a gallon on Monday	Gas prices on the island of Lāna'i reportedly hit \$6.39 on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, before dropping back down below the six dollar mark in recent days, according to residents.	2022/01/27 at 7:49 am
<u>Lahaina fire results in</u> \$15,000 damage	Crews arrived on scene at 893 Kuhua Street to find a canopy-type shelter and miscellaneous items within, fully engulfed.	2022/01/26 at 4:46 pm
New COVID-19 emergency proclamation, adds cruise ships to Safe Travels Hawaiʻi	Governor David Ige has signed the latest COVID-19 emergency proclamation, keeping in place current COVID restrictions and officially adding cruise ship passengers to the list of travelers who must abide by Safe Travels Hawai'i requirements.	2022/01/26 at 4:27 pm
Jan. 26, 2022 COVID-19 update: 2,050 new cases in Hawai'i, 3 deaths	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 2,050 new cases today. This comes following a record high of 6,252 new cases reported on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022. Cases since then have been trending down, but hospitalizations remain elevated.	2022/01/26 at 10:37 am
Sculpture of Marianne Cope installed at UH Maui campus to inspire nurses	Sister Marianne Cope, who worked with Father Damien on Moloka'i and was canonized several years ago, was Maui's first nurse at Maui's first hospital.	2022/01/26 at 8:20 am
Maui Mayor tests positive for COVID-19	Maui County's Office of the Mayor announced that Mayor Michael Victorino tested positive for COVID-19 today. All close contacts have been notified and the mayor is in isolation at home.	2022/01/25 at 6:20 pm
Maui Food Technology Center to open new food truck hub starting Feb. 1	The "Maui STREET Market," starts next Tuesday, Feb. 1. This foodie hot spot will be located in the south side of the parking lot at 150 Hāna Highway in Kahului (next to the former 24-Hour Fitness Center) and will be open seven days a week with food trucks setting their own hours.	2022/01/25 at 3:41 pm

Jan. 25, 2022 COVID-19 update: 1,904 new cases in Hawai'i	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 1,904 new cases today. This comes following a record high of 6,252 new cases reported on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022. Cases since then have been trending down, but hospitalizations remain elevated.	2022/01/25 at 11:02 am
No tsunami expected after 4.7 magnitude Maui earthquake	There is no tsunami expected after a 4.5 preliminary magnitude earthquake reported at 12:51 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25 on the island of Maui.	2022/01/25 at 1:00 am
Speed is considered a factor in a deadly head-on crash on Maui Veterans Highway	Maui police believe that speed is a factor in a deadly head-on motor vehicle crash reported Monday morning on the Maui Veterans Highway near Kealia Wildlife Refuge. Police say the crash claimed the life of a 54-year-old Kīhei man.	2022/01/24 at 4:29 pm
Gov. Ige proposes refunds for taxpayers, dependents in State of the State Address	In his address, Gov. Ige announced that given recent revenue projections, he is asking the Hawai'i State Legislature to return some of those dollars to taxpayers. "We want to issue refund checks of \$100 for every taxpayer and for each of their dependents. For a family of four, that would mean an extra \$400. In this way, we'll also inject \$110 million back into our economy," said Gov. Ige.	2022/01/24 at 3:15 pm
Jan. 24, 2022 COVID-19 update: 2,660 new cases in Hawai'i; 38 Maui hospitalizations	There are 2,660 new COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i today, including 456 on Maui, 13 on Moloka'i, and 16 on Lāna'i. There are now 38 people hospitalized in Maui County with COVID-19 (as of 9 a.m. on Jan. 24, 2022), dropping below the 41 reported during the height of the delta surge in August 2021, and the 44 reported on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022.	2022/01/24 at 10:46 am
Traffic Fatality: Maui Veterans Highway now OPEN	The Maui Veterans Highway is now OPEN in both directions. It was closed for more than three hours while police conducted an investigation into a traffic fatality. The crash was reported shortly before 8:45 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, near Mile 5. Details are forthcoming from Maui police.	2022/01/24 at 8:56 am

Maui COVID-19 booster requirement takes effect today	Effective today, a COVID-19 booster shot is required for eligible individuals in order to be considered fully vaccinated in Maui County.	2022/01/24 at 8:35 am
Hawai'i guest wins Fremont \$1.1 Million Wheel of Fortune Jackpot	A lucky guest from Hawai'i kicked off the new year by hitting a more than \$1.1 million jackpot at Boyd Gaming's Fremont Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, playing IGT's Wheel of Fortune® slots on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022.	2022/01/24 at 8:26 am
Jan. 23, 2022 COVID-19 update: 3,167 new cases in Hawai'i, 4 deaths	There are 3,167 new COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i today, including 493 on Maui, 10 on Moloka'i, and 11 on Lāna'i. The state Department of Health reports four new COVID-19 deaths today.	2022/01/23 at 9:20 am
Former UH legend Timmy Chang named head coach	Former University of Hawai'i quarterback, Timmy Chang, is the school's new head football coach, Athletics Director David Matlin announced on Saturday.	2022/01/22 at 5:51 pm
Presentation to explore Maui's polystyrene ban and its effectiveness on beach plastic	A ban on the use, sale or provision of polystyrene food service containers went into effect in Maui County more than three years ago. Researchers are exploring the question: "Did this ban improve the amounts or types of plastic on Maui beaches?"	2022/01/22 at 11:21 am
Jan. 22, 2022 COVID-19 update: 3,955 new cases in Hawai'i, 5 deaths	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 644. Statewide, there are 394 people hospitalized with COVID-19, including 42 on Maui.	2022/01/22 at 10:13 am
Booster required on Maui to be considered fully vaccinated, effective Monday, Jan. 24	Come Monday, a booster shot will be required for eligible individuals in order to be considered fully vaccinated in Maui County.	2022/01/21 at 4:46 pm
Jan. 21, 2022 COVID-19 update: 4,473 new cases in Hawai'i, 2 deaths	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 690. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 412.1 newly reported cases per day over a seven day periodthat's the highest in the state.	2022/01/21 at 10:05 am

Maui COVID-19 hospitalizations surpass delta surge, staff is "busy but nimble"	"MMMC's census is very busy at over 95% capacity with COVID and non-COVID patient care needs," said Maui Health spokesperson Tracy Dallarda. "However, the hospital is not at an 'internal emergency' status as other hospitals around the state have declared"	2022/01/20 at 4:48 pm
Power restored to 7,200 on Maui after generator tripped at Mā'alaea	About 7,200 customers in parts of Kahului, South Maui, Lahaina, Kula and Kūʻau experienced an outage when a generator tripped at the Māʻalaea Generating Station.	2022/01/20 at 1:24 pm
Maui Police 25% short staffed: 21 resignations, 13 retirements in 2021	The Maui Police Department is more than 25% short staffed with 145 vacancies department wide.	2022/01/20 at 12:58 pm
Jan. 20, 2022 COVID-19 update: 5,911 new cases in Hawai'i, 9 deaths; 44 Maui hospitalizations	There are now 44 people hospitalized in Maui County with COVID-19, surpassing the 41 reported during the height of the delta surge in August 2021.	2022/01/20 at 10:14 am
Maui ranked among top destinations on Expedia and Vrbo 2022 searches	Maui, Hawa'i is ranked the #2, 2022 destination based on trip searches on Vrbo and #5 based on trip searches on Expedia. The rankings were released today in the Expedia Group's 2022 Outlook report.	2022/01/20 at 8:48 am
Submarine, ship, jet and balloon-type object off Maui, part of Naval exercise	In addition to the ship and balloon-type object hovering above, there was a "large jet flying low in big circles" and a submarine nearby, according to witness reports.	2022/01/19 at 6:37 pm
Saiki: legislative proposals include minimum wage increase, funds for DHHL beneficiaries	Speaker Saiki reports that "the House will advance legislation to increase the hourly minimum wage to \$18, increase the food tax credit, and make the Earned Income Tax Credit refundable and permanent."	2022/01/19 at 6:24 pm
Workforce housing lottery for Hale Kaiola in South Maui set for March 4	The lottery will determine which successful applicants will secure one of the new housing units at the project site, which is planned for construction at the corner of Kaiola Place and 'Ohukai Road, a few blocks mauka from Mai Poina 'Oe la'u and Kalepolepo Beach Park.	2022/01/19 at 12:36 pm

Jan. 19, 2022 COVID-19 update: 3,929 new cases in Hawai'i; 40 Maui hospitalizations	Of today's 3,929 cases, there are 3,274 cases identified as confirmed, and +655 probable cases were added to the count. The confirmed cases included: 2,431 on O'ahu (+595 probable); 179 on Hawai'i Island (+61 probable); 401 on Maui (-4 probable); 196 on Kaua'i (+2 probable); 20 on Moloka'i; 17 on Lāna'i; and 30 Hawai'i residents diagnosed while out of state (+1 probable).	2022/01/19 at 11:11 am
\$48M in federal aid to assist Hawai'i with COVID-19 surge staffing	The state's request for surge medical staffing was updated to 955 clinicians to address the recent spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations because of omicron.	2022/01/19 at 9:24 am
Developer seeks workforce housing credits for Pulelehua development in West Maui	In 2019, the developer entered into a settlement agreement with project opponents. Because of that settlement agreement, the state Land Use Commission increased the number of workforce housing units in the project from 280 to 400. The department reports that the developer has taken the position that Maui Oceanview, LP, should receive 120 workforce credits for the increase in units that resulted from that agreement.	2022/01/18 at 4:16 pm
Gov. Ige: Hawaiʻi allocates entire \$1.6B American Rescue Plan Act funds	In May of 2021, the state received \$1.6 billion from the federal government as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. The funds were to be used to respond to the state's emergency needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.	2022/01/18 at 3:59 pm
UH classes remain online for one more week	Spring 2022 courses that were shifted online for the first two weeks of the semester at the 10-campus University of Hawai'i system will remain online for one more week, according to a letter shared today with students, faculty and staff.	2022/01/18 at 1:17 pm
Jan. 18, 2022 COVID-19 update: 6,252 new cases in Hawai'i; 41 Maui hospitalizations	There are now 41 people hospitalized in Maui County with COVID-19, the same amount as reported during the height of the delta surge in August 2021.	2022/01/18 at 9:56 am

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Free at-home COVID-19 tests offered through USPS	Residential households in the US can order one set of four free at-home tests from USPS.com. Tests are free and orders usually ship in 7-12 days.	2022/01/18 at 8:34 am
'Onipa'a Peace March commemorates 129 years since illegal overthrow of Hawaiian government	An 'Onipa'a Peace March was held on O'ahu on Monday to commemorate the 129 years since the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy.	2022/01/18 at 6:19 am
Hawai'i lawmakers reflect on legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	Today is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day honoring the civil rights leader, who fought against inequality, seeking justice for all.	2022/01/17 at 12:54 pm
Jan. 17, 2022 COVID-19 update: 4,700 new cases in Hawai'i	There are 4,700 new COVID-19 cases reported today, including 495 cases on Maui, 23 on Moloka'i, and five on Lāna'i.	2022/01/17 at 9:31 am
Jan. 16, 2022 COVID-19 update: 3,878 new cases in Hawai'i, 3 deaths	In Maui County, the seven day average for new cases daily is 469. The county's test positivity rate was last listed at 23.9% on Saturday, Jan. 15, before a bottleneck in testing temporarily suspended reporting of this metric. For every 100,000 residents in Maui County, there have been an average of 280.0 newly reported cases per day over a seven day period.	2022/01/16 at 10:02 am
Breaking: Two people survive Hāna plane crash	One man was able to walk away from the wreckage. Engine 7 personnel utilized vehicle extrication equipment to free the second individual from entrapment within the plane.	2022/01/15 at 12:55 pm
Two people displaced from Hāli'imaile home fire that caused \$130,000 damage	Two people were displaced following a home fire in the 800 block of Hāli'imaile Road on Maui, Friday night.	2022/01/15 at 12:46 pm
Hawaiʻi DOH: COVID-19 electronic reporting system is stressed; data sets affected	"The number of cases Hawai'i is experiencing is unprecedented, leading to a tremendous demand for testing. As testing data flows through the electronic reporting system, the system is stressed. Our essential DOH employees are also wrestling with tremendous challenges. We must adapt to address these circumstances," said Health Director Dr. Elizabeth Char, FACEP.	2022/01/15 at 11:09 am

Jan. 15, 2022 COVID-19 update: 5,977 new cases in Hawai'i, 6 deaths	There are 5,977 new COVID-19 cases today, including 913 cases on Maui, 23 on Moloka'i, and 20 on Lāna'i.	2022/01/15 at 10:06 am
Tsunami Advisory Ends for Hawai'i following volcanic eruption in Tonga; Maui impacts reported	The Maui County Emergency Management Agency reports this morning that tsunami waves lifted a boat from its moorings in Mānele Harbor, Lāna'i, and washed debris ashore in the East Maui area of Hāna, closing a road near Hāmoa Beach Park. Assessment of impacts is ongoing.	2022/01/15 at 7:08 am
Maui hospital staff COVID positivity rate is 7%; Limited supply of oral antiviral therapy	"Things are starting to increase significantly and quickly One good thing is we're not seeing the level of severity of illness that we had seen previously. But with the sheer numbers of positives we're seeing, people are ending up hospitalized, so it's keeping us very busy," said Dr. Shea.	2022/01/14 at 6:14 pm
Jan. 14, 2022 COVID-19 update: 3,099 new cases in Hawai'i, 3 deaths; 36 Maui hospitalizations	There are now 36 people hospitalized in Maui County with COVID-19, according to counts last updated at 9 a.m. on Jan. 14, 2022, from Maui Health. That's up from 28 reported yesterday morning, and 26 reported on Thursday afternoon.	2022/01/14 at 10:28 am
Keawakapu parking update: BLNR decision expected Friday	The future of public beach parking at Keawakapu in South Maui surfaces for consideration before the state Board of Land and Natural Resources on Friday.	2022/01/13 at 7:06 pm
Relief nurses to help with staffing as Maui logs 26 COVID-19 hospitalizations	With staffing impacts and a steady count of COVID-19 hospitalizations on Maui, measures to stay ahead of the latest surge are in motion.	2022/01/13 at 2:52 pm
DLNR Aerial assessment of Moloka'i axis deer illustrates extent of overpopulation	New aerial footage of Moloka'i shows just how extensive the axis deer population has gotten, and the threats that it is posing to agriculture and forested lands.	2022/01/13 at 1:29 pm
Boil Water Notice issued for residents of Kala'e. Moloka'i	The Department of Water Supply is advising customers in the Kala'e system on Moloka'i to boil water before consumption due to possible E. coli contamination.	2022/01/13 at 11:27 am

Jan. 13, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 3,392 new cases in Hawai'i, 4 deaths	There are 3,392 new COVID-19 cases today; and four new COVID-19 deaths, including two on Hawai'i Island, and one each in Maui County, and on O'ahu.	2022/01/13 at 9:42 am
Two visitors injured on muddy Waihe'e Ridge Trail in separate incidents, airlifted to safety	Two visitors were airlifted from the Waihe'e Ridge Trail during separate incidents on Wednesday in which they slipped and fell on the muddy trail and were injured.	2022/01/12 at 7:15 pm
Jan. 12, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 3,512 new cases in Hawaiʻi	Statewide, there were 325 people hospitalized with COVID-19, including 27 on Maui. There are 3,512 new cases today, including 373 on Maui, 19 on Moloka'i, and eight on Lāna'i.	2022/01/12 at 12:18 pm
Cruise ship arrives at Kahului Harbor, first with passengers to disembark in 22 months	The Grand Princess is the first with passengers to disembark from a cruise ship in 22 months, since the industry halt in March of 2020 amid pandemic concerns, according to Department of Transportation spokesperson Jai Cunningham.	2022/01/12 at 10:19 am
Hospice Maui Grieving Loss of CEO	Hospice Maui in Wailuku is grieving the loss of their Chief Executive Officer, Dr. R. Gregory LaGoy, who died suddenly on Jan. 4, 2022. LaGoy had been the CEO of Hospice Maui for more than 30 years.	2022/01/11 at 6:38 pm
Jan. 11, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 2,929 new cases in Hawai'i	There are now 26 people hospitalized in Maui County with COVID-19, according to counts last updated at 9 a.m. on Jan. 11, 2022, from Maui Health. Eleven of the current Maui COVID-19 hospitalizations are in vaccinated, and 15 are in unvaccinated individuals. There are now two Maui COVID-positive patients in the ICU (1 vaccinated/1 unvaccinated) and one vaccinated COVID-19 patient on a ventilator.	2022/01/11 at 11:46 am
The Maui Farm named 2022 Chick-fil-A "True Inspiration" awards recipient	The Maui Farm has been named the recipient of a \$300,000 grant through the annual Chick-fil-A True Inspiration Awards program, according to a company announcement today.	2022/01/11 at 8:57 am

Hawai'i K-12 school guidance updated, quarantine reduced to align with CDC	The Hawai'i Department of Health has updated interim COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidance for K-12 schools. The updated guidance is closely aligned with new CDC guidance for schools. Isolation and quarantine times for students and staff who meet certain conditions have been reduced to five days.	2022/01/11 at 8:49 am
Jan. 10, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 3,875 new cases in Hawaiʻi	The Hawai'i Department of Health has updated interim COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidance for K-12 schools. The updated guidance is closely aligned with new CDC guidance for schools. Isolation and quarantine times for students and staff who meet certain conditions have been reduced to five days.	2022/01/10 at 9:45 am
Dr. Pang discusses omicron: Stay home "if you're not perfectly well"	"The problem with this virus is it can shed before you're sick, and then certainly after you get better. So that's why we keep having these strange rules," said Dr. Pang.	2022/01/10 at 8:14 am
Free COVID-19 test kit distribution: Jan. 10 in Lahaina, Jan. 11 in Pukalani, Jan. 12 in Kīhei	Maui County continues distributing free BinaxNOW take-home COVID-19 self-test kits while supplies last: TODAY, Jan. 10, 4 p.m., at the Lahaina Aquatic Center.	2022/01/10 at 7:17 am
Jan. 9, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 4,578 new cases in Hawai'i, 3 deaths	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 4,578 new cases today, including 679 on Maui, 20 on Moloka'i, and eight on Lāna'i.	2022/01/09 at 9:37 am
Project Mahi'ai introduces "Fresh at Sunset" at the Maui Sunday Market	For the first time, the Maui Sunday Market will offer garden-fresh producesuch as avocados, lilikoʻi (passion fruit) and herbs of basil and rosemaryfrom 4 to 8 p.m. in the Kahului Shopping Center parking lot.	2022/01/09 at 8:01 am
Governor Ige extends emergency relief period for Maui's axis deer problem	Wendy OsherWeather conditions and unexpected delays in shipments of critical mitigation materials continue to delay the state's effort to manage the axis deer population on Maui, according to the governor.	2022/01/09 at 7:34 am

Maui Turo owners pivot to keep up with growing car rental supply	Turo owners on Maui struggle as car rental prices dropped in 2021.	2022/01/09 at 7:21 am
Jan. 8, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 4,204 new cases in Hawai'i, 1 death	Of today's 4,204 cases, there are 564 cases on Maui, 12 on Moloka'i, five on Lāna'i. Hawai'i's COVID-19 deaths increased to 1,102, with one new death reported today, on O'ahu.	2022/01/08 at 10:02 am
Recent Nēnē deaths at Haleakalā serve as a reminder for motorists to slow down	Over the past few weeks two nēne have been fatally struck by vehicles at Haleakalā National Park, with the latest incident reported early Friday morning, just after midnight near the Summit District park entrance.	2022/01/08 at 5:47 am
Maui County announces free COVID-19 test kit distribution, Jan. 10-12	Mayor Michael Victorino announced today that Maui County will continue distributing more BinaxNOW self-test kits beginning at 4 p.m. Jan. 10, while supplies last, at the Lahaina Aquatic Center. Additional test kit distributions will be held at 4 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Kulamalu Park parking lot (Saturday farmer's market area) in Pukalani and at 4 p.m. Jan. 12 at the South Maui Community Park Gymnasium in Kīhei.	2022/01/07 at 5:57 pm
Minor shipping disruptions amid COVID-19 impacts at Young Brothers on Maui	Temporary interisland shipping disruptions are expected for small container or palletized shipping as a result of COVID-19 related worker impacts at the Young Brothers shipyard on Maui, Mayor Michael Victorino confirmed.	2022/01/07 at 4:57 pm
South Kīhei Road traffic detour set for Jan. 10-14, 2022	North-bound traffic on South Kīhei Road will be detoured on a portion of South Kīhei Road – between Ohukai Road and Kaonoulu Street – from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 10-14, 2022, according to the Department of Public Works Highways Division.	2022/01/07 at 3:34 pm
MIL spectator policy updated: Events limited to essential participants only	The Maui Interscholastic League updated its spectator policy today, limiting events to essential participants only. The notice which was posted on the MIL website today (Jan. 7, 2022), says the update is effective immediately.	2022/01/07 at 3:05 pm

Jan. 7, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 3,586 new cases in Hawai'i, 3 deaths	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 3,586 new cases today, including 579 on Maui, 20 on Moloka'i, and 11 on Lāna'i.	2022/01/07 at 11:40 am
Mayor Victorino delays implementation of Maui booster mandate until Jan. 24	Mayor Victorino delays implementation of Maui booster mandate until Jan. 24	2022/01/06 at 4:43 pm
Maui COVID-19 hospitalizations rise to 20, up 67% in first week of the new year	Hospitalizations on Maui are up 67% in the new year, rising from 12 on Dec. 31, 2021 to 20 in just seven days. Hospital representatives say that although half are vaccinated, none of the vaccinated individuals are boosted.	2022/01/06 at 3:22 pm
Two mariners rescued from disabled watercraft at Pe'ahi, Maui	Two mariners were rescued aboard a disabled watercraft off Pe'ahi, Maui, overnight. They were reported missing four hours earlier by a friend who received a text message that the mariners were experiencing engine issues with the watercraft they were on.	2022/01/06 at 11:29 am
Jan. 6, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 4,789 new cases in Hawai'i, 4 deaths	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 4,789 new cases today, including 676 on Maui, 41 on Moloka'i, and 17 on Lāna'i. This surpasses the previous record high of 3,484 new cases set on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021.	2022/01/06 at 9:14 am
Transition from Pandemic to Endemic explained as Hawai'i's COVID surge continues	"It's 2022. This is the third calendar year that we're dealing with COVID. And that might sound terrible and kind of depressing, but it actually can be viewed in an optimistic, positive way. And the reason for that is if you look across the history of mankind and respiratory pandemics, typically respiratory pandemics become endemic, meaning that we learn to live with them or coexist with these infections, about the third year. And this is now the third year," said Dr. Mark Mugiishi, president and CEO of HMSA.	2022/01/05 at 4:34 pm

Maui's Komoda Store & Bakery to be honored in Council Resolution for 105th anniversary	The resolution congratulates T Komoda Store & Bakery on its 105th anniversary, serving Maui since 1916.	2022/01/05 at 10:35 am
Jan. 5, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 2,611 new cases in Hawai'i	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 2,611 new cases today, including 303 on Maui, 33 on Moloka'i, 18 on Lāna'i.	2022/01/05 at 10:12 am
Mayor urges Maui residents and visitors to follow Health Dept. and CDC guidance	With Maui County averaging 226 new COVID-19 cases per day, in the last seven days, Maui Mayor Michael Victorino is urging residents and visitors to follow state Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to keep safe and protect the County's health care resources.	2022/01/04 at 7:31 pm
HDOT announces first port agreements for restart of cruise travel in Hawai'i	The Hawai'i Department of Transportation Harbors Division announced the execution of the first port agreements with Carnival Cruise Line and Norwegian Cruise Lines to formalize health and safety protocols for cruise line operations in the State of Hawai'i.	2022/01/04 at 6:28 pm
Kahului official: Airline delays, cancellations may persist for weeks	With flight cancellations from COVID- related staff shortages continuing across the country, Kahului Airport is seeing similar trends and officials predict it may persist for weeks.	2022/01/04 at 5:04 pm
Honoapiʻilani Traffic Update: Road OPEN	The Honoapi'ilani Highway is now open in both directions. It was closed earlier this afternoon due to a single vehicle crash near McGregor Point at Mile 8. Motorists can expect significant delays as traffic resumes its normal flow.	2022/01/04 at 3:05 pm
Teams deployed on Maui to assess private property damage from 'Kona Low' storm	Organized by the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, the teams are expected to visit different sites in Maui County than were viewed during a Dec. 20 assessment targeting damaged highways and other public property.	2022/01/04 at 1:51 pm

Pharmacy at Pukalani Terrace Foodland set to reopen after brief unanticipated closure	The reopening comes as good news to many who were awaiting prescription refills and who were in the dark about why the pharmacy closed suddenly.	2022/01/04 at 1:12 pm
Jan. 4, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 1,592 new cases in Hawai'i	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 1,592 new cases today, including 87 cases on Maui, nine on Moloka'i, and 11 on Lāna'i.	2022/01/04 at 9:38 am
No tsunami threat to Hawai'i after 4.3 preliminary magnitude Kīlauea earthquake	There is no tsunami threat to Hawai'i after a 4.3 (preliminary 4.1) magnitude earthquake located in the southwest rift zone of the Kīlauea Volcano on Hawai'i Island. The quake occurred at around 2:13 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.	2022/01/03 at 2:26 pm
13 arrested on Maui for impaired driving over the New Year's holiday weekend	The Maui Police Department issued four citations and made 13 arrests for Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant during the New Year's holiday impaired driving enforcement campaign.	2022/01/03 at 12:15 pm
Jan. 3, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 3,044 new cases in Hawai'i	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 3,044 new cases today, including 273 cases on Maui, two on Moloka'i, and six on Lāna'i.	2022/01/03 at 9:56 am
FDA expands use of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster to include 12-15 year olds	The US Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine today to expand the use of a single booster dose to include use in individuals 12 through 15 years of age.	2022/01/03 at 7:35 am
Maui launches free drive- through COVID-19 testing at War Memorial in Wailuku, Jan. 3-31	The County of Maui launches free drive- through COVID-19 testing six days a week beginning today, Jan. 3, at the War Memorial Stadium parking lot in Wailuku, and continuing through the end of the month.	2022/01/03 at 4:30 am
Strong thunderstorm to impact Moloka'i through 2:30 p.m., Jan. 2, 2022	A strong thunderstorm will impact Moloka'i through 2:30 p.m. At 1:24 p.m., Doppler radar was tracking a strong thunderstorm 6 miles southeast of Maunaloa, moving northeast at 15 mph.	2022/01/02 at 2:03 pm

Jan. 2, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 3,178 new cases in Hawaiʻi	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 3,178 new cases today, including 225 on Maui, 16 on Moloka'i, and 14 on Lāna'i.	2022/01/02 at 10:28 am
Kaiser: members advised that Omicron surge may cause delays in COVID-19 testing	The rapid spread of the omicron variant has caused a surge in demand for COVID-19 testing at Kaiser Permanente and other health care organizations.	2022/01/02 at 9:57 am
Jan. 1, 2022 COVID-19 Update: 2,710 new cases in Hawai'i, 4 deaths	The state Department of Health is reporting a COVID-19 count of 2,710 new cases today.	2022/01/01 at 4:27 pm