

HAWAII MATTERS

QUARTERLY REPORT

APR/MAY/JUN 2020

AIR TIME: 6:30AM; LENGTH: 32 MINUTES

KQMQ HONOLULU

APRIL 2020

4/5/20 – Congressman Ed Case

Hawaii Congressman Ed Case joins the discussion on the coronavirus and addresses the crisis at the Federal level. What is the stimulus package all about? Who is eligible? How does one claim the money? Rep. Case breaks down the complexities of the bills that Congress has passed to date.

4/12/2020 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

Lt. Gov. Josh Green is today's guest. He is the state's health care coronavirus liaison and an emergency room doctor. The LG updates Hawaii on the progress of the state's battle against coronavirus. He encourages listeners to do all the recommended actions to help flatten the curve of the progress of the virus. Green points out the importance of getting to April 30th, as a milestone in the fight. What does someone do if they think they have the virus. He also addresses people who may be asymptomatic.

4/19/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

Hawaii Lt. Gov. Josh Green visits for his weekly update on the coronavirus in Hawaii. He applauds the efforts of Hawaii residents in applying all the recommendations to help limit the spread of the virus. He addresses testing in Hawaii, the number and the limitations. The LG gives his prediction on how and when Hawaii might start to open up again. He reminds people of the importance of wearing a mask and how it helps limit the spread.

4/26/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

Hawaii Lt. Gov. Josh Green provides his weekly update on Hawaii's fight against Covid-19. What is the outlook for loosening restrictions? The LG addresses some of the confusion that exists between the state and city's conflicting information. He addresses the tourism lockdown-how it has affected Hawaii and how it has helped fight the spread of the virus. What needs to happen before people go back to work? Recommendations on how to test for coronavirus. How will travel to a Hawaii be affected in the coming weeks?

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5/3/20 – Governor David Ige

The governor gives an update on the state's efforts to battle Covid-19. He addresses the conflict he seems to have with Honolulu's mayor. He gives an update on the activity at the hospitals-ICU occupancy, ventilator use, overall capacity and the readiness of hospitals to be ready for an outbreak. What is the outlook for the state relative to recovery? The governor addresses the impact of the shutdown on the state. Unemployment has skyrocketed. The antiquated unemployment insurance system. When will businesses start to open up again? What will it look like when our tourism market opens up?

5/10/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

It's the weekly update from the Lt. Gov. He addresses some of the reopening of Hawaii, as the state has done well to limit the spread of coronavirus. He contrasts that with the spread on the mainland, which is seeing some very disturbing increases. How does the mainland reaction affect Hawaii? What are some of the indirect side effects of this shutdown? Suicide, abuse, increased alcoholic consumption, etc. At this point, what kind of activities can we open up? What can Hawaii expect with the local economy? And the tourism economy? How does Hawaii avoid future spread of the virus?

5/17/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

This is a weekly update from the Lt. Gov. He speaks about the reopening of Hawaii and mental health concerns due to economic issues and social isolation. He also answers questions like: Is it okay to go to the beach? When will medium risk businesses like bowling alleys be safe? What about graduation parties? How do we rectify reopening and going to malls when the stay at home order was extended until June 30? As for reopening to tourism, he explains there are new protocols that will be happening at the airport for health and safety. He speaks about the opening of Aloha Free Clinic, to assist those who cannot afford healthcare now.

5/24/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

A weekly update from the Lt. Gov. describing reopening. How do we make tourism safe? Airports are going to have a better screening and more rigorous process. He is urging inter-island travel quarantine to be gone within the next week and speaks of future plans for COVID screening. How important is mask use? How concerning is a second wave? How will the COVID-19 crisis be affected by the hurricane season? How will it affect hurricane shelters? He answers these questions and speaks about the Aloha Free Clinic opening and how you can volunteer if you're a healthcare worker. He speaks about why it's a bad idea to take hydroxychloroquine to prevent COVID and about its side effects.

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5/31/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

Lt. Gov. provides a short summary of our state and COVID cases and updates. He speaks about how some people are asymptomatic. When can inter-island travel resume? When can quarantine for those from the mainland end? He stresses how you need to wear masks and how important it is to do so when you go out in public. Resuming public school, sports and marching band is also discussed.

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6/7/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

Lt. Gov. Josh Green comes in with another COVID update. They discuss the opening of inter-island travel and mainland travel. They discuss the next phase of reopening to tourism. What would need to be done when we open to mainland travel? What are the issues with requiring tests for travelers? How can we open international travel safely? They discuss fall travel plans and safety screenings. A listener asks about sports and resuming football, a listener asks about gyms and if it's safe, a listener asks about massages and how safe it is.

6/14/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

We get an update on the state of Hawaii's efforts to battle COVID-19 in Hawaii. Discussions include opening the state to visitors to the state, the risks of opening the state, how it might look. Will Hawaii be able to test incoming visitors? What does traveling away from Hawaii look like for residents, especially on returning to the islands? How long can the Hawaii economy last during shutdown and how can businesses open?

6/21/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

Another weekly update with Lt. Gov. Josh Green, they discuss surges and clusters in cases. He stresses wearing a mask when out of your house. A listener asks about health issues and being exempt from wearing masks. What are the guidelines for nursing homes? They discuss the proposal about bringing people back to Hawaii and getting COVID testing 4 days after they return to possibly shorten the 14 day quarantine. When will sports come back? What might the protocols look like? What about chorus and band classes? What about live music and those who rely on it? They speak about implementing plans to end the travel quarantine. They discuss the Aloha Free Clinic and how you can get an appointment (by emailing alohafreeclinic@gmail.com).

6/28/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green

The LG addresses the state's plan to open up the tourist economy and the multiple challenges that go along with that. He also answers listeners' questions regarding testing, quarantine, penalties for quarantine breakers, and the challenges residents are having in light of opening up our local economy. The LG also talks about the recent uptick in Covid-19 cases in Hawaii and the rest of the nation. He answers the question, at what point does the state look at the increases in cases and say "that's enough, we have to change things"?