

# HAWAII MATTERS

QUARTERLY REPORT

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JULY 2020

## **7/5/20 – Dr. Christophper Lum/Cataracts**

Dr. Christopher Lum, an Ophthalmologist from Kaiser Permanente. He talks about ophthalmology and what the area covers. Dr. Lum talks about what cataracts is, the problems caused by cataracts, the history of treatment, who it affects, how it's treated today, the process of the surgery.

## **7/12/2020 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

Lt. Gov Josh Green joins Hawaii Matters for another check on how our state is responding to the pandemic. He covers topics like the recent uptick in Covid-19 cases, schools starting up again, virus testing (including the recent downturn in testing supplies), the state's desire to reopen on August 1, what Hawaii needs to do to reduce the number of cases, recent planned events where large gatherings of people would have occurred, and other subjects related to the coronavirus pandemic.

## **7/19/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

The Lt. Gov. of Hawaii, Josh Green updates us on the coronavirus in Hawaii. Subjects include: the general state of Hawaii; the state of hospitals regarding ICU beds and equipment to handle covid patients in light of the recent surge in cases; therapies available to patients; the death rate of Covid-19 and things that affect it; the state and federal governments' relief efforts for those who are can't pay their rent or mortgage; the impact of Covid-19 on businesses; the plan to get children back to school; Dr. Anthony Fauci's role and relationship with the president; the idea of implementing a quarantine hotel system in Hawaii; the state's use of a digital platform for capturing and analyzing data; the use of masks and their effectiveness.

## **7/26/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

Lt. Gov. Josh Green continues his weekly update on the coronavirus in Hawaii. Topics discussed include the state of Hawaii overall; the recent spike of 55 cases; the pandemic and its effect on the impending storm; the impact of COVID-19 on Pacific Islanders; the start of school and the uncertainty that revolves around the situation; the development of a vaccine; big picture outlook in Hawaii; covid testing in Hawaii; the cause for the disparity in receiving test results. The Lt. Gov. also touches on what people should do with the hurricane bearing down on Hawaii, how to handle sheltering in place or at a shelter, how to prepare with supplies.

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## **8/2/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

The Lt. Gov. visits with an update for Hawaii and how we're handling the recent surge in COVID cases. He also addresses: schools reopening, the possibility of a shutdown at the state level, bars being closed for three weeks, the lasting effects (if any) of COVID-19, the type and level of financial support for people from the state and federal governments, doctors that claim a "cure" in the form of a cocktail mix of drugs, herd immunity and when that comes into play, what citizens should do if they see a group of people violating the large group mandates. He closes with things we can do to knock down the spread of the coronavirus.

## **8/9/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

The Lt. Gov. updates us on the COVID-19 Pandemic. He discusses what surging beyond the capacity for hospitals means, contact tracers, and how COVID is affecting the Pacific Islander community. He also speaks about public schools, private schools, and families needing to decide whether their children should or shouldn't go back to school. Uncertainty for tourism reopening and military COVID-19 cases is also discussed. What can we do to help small businesses? What grants are being discussed in addition to PPP?

## **8/16/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

The Lt. Gov. talks about the recent surge in COVID19 cases and what caused it. He also discusses the ramifications of the surge-will there be another lockdown, a stay-at-home order? He mentions how the statistics of infection, hospitalization, ICU use, and death play out. He also talks about schools opening, bars closing, contact tracing and the change in the Dept. of Health leadership that will pursue that area more vigorously. He also addresses the main source of the spread of infection, that it's not going to the store or going about one's day; it is all about people congregating and not practicing the prevention guidelines. The LG also talks about the surge and what that means for hospitals and staff, and is the state ready to handle things should it get worse.

## **8/23/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

The Lt. Gov. updates us on the coronavirus pandemic in Hawaii. He talks about the continuing surge of the virus on Oahu. And he reviews the recent new state and city emergency measures that recently went in place. Subjects also include the state of our hospitals and staffing, the spread within certain demographic groups, the recent changes in personnel at the Dept. of Health, and the effect of the pandemic on the population's mental health. He also answers random questions from listeners.

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## **8/30/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

In his weekly COVID update, the Lt. Gov talks about the continuing surge of the coronavirus in Hawaii; the 2-week lockdown and how long it could possibly go; rapid testing and testing in general; the mass test taking place on the H3 freeway; other coronavirus-related subjects. He also answers questions from the online and listening audience on masks, testing, the performance of other government leaders, and others.

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## **9/6/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

Hawaii Lt. Gov. Josh Green joins us for his weekly update on the coronavirus in Hawaii. Topics include: the changes at the upper levels of the Hawaii Department of Health, including the retirement of the director and especially the leave of absence of Hawaii's state epidemiologist, Sarah Park; the differences between the types of tests people can take for coronavirus detection; how to behave during the Labor Day weekend; conflicting information from the CDC; COVID-19 vs the flu; information about vaccines, their trials, timeline, and effectiveness. The Lt. Gov. also answers listeners' questions regarding life during the pandemic.

## **9/13/20 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green**

The Lt. Gov. updates us on the latest on the coronavirus in Hawaii. He covers the extension of the 2-week extension of the lockdown; He analyzes some of the specific rules of behavior for the lockdown; He discusses the results of the recent surge testing that took place. Also discussed are infection rates and daily cases. How does Hawaii's tourism look at this point? The LG takes questions from listeners. He covers the recent changes at the State Dept. of Health. The LG also reviews his proposed 5-point plan to further combat the virus. He also walks through the procedure for one of the latest tests.

## **9/20/20 – Dr. Heather Goff/Mental Health during COVID**

Dr. Heather Goff is a local psychiatrist. She joins Hawaii Matters to discuss mental health during the pandemic. Topics include: how parents should handle their children during the COVID crisis; what signs to look for in your children; when to call the doctor; let your kids know it's ok to not be ok. Dr. Goff also talks about how COVID has affected adults. The types of challenges people are facing (health, financial, general uncertainty); how to cope with those challenges; who to talk to, where to go; what are the signs of anxiety; the effects of telemedicine during the pandemic. She also addresses "social distancing" and its effect on people. She encourages listeners to take advantage of tech to help maintain emotional connections. Dr. Goff also addresses single parenthood during the pandemic.

## **9/27/20 – Part 1: Lt. Gov. Josh Green. Part 2: Todd Lewis / Blood Bank**

The Lt. Gov. contracted COVID-19. He has recovered and talks about his experiences as a patient. Other topics: the upcoming opening of the travel restrictions for tourists wanting to visit; the testing process for incoming travelers; he talks about the trends in Hawaii's COVID statistics and their implications; will Hawaii be using CARES Act money to help finance testing; he addresses the problem bars are having reopening; he addresses the questions and outlook for a vaccine. The Lt. Gov. reminds everyone to observe the usual safety practices.

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We also talked to Todd Lewis the COO of the Blood Bank of Hawaii. He addressed: the dire need to build up the state's blood supply; what types of blood are needed; how to donate; the procedures in place to give blood during the pandemic.