

# HAWAII MATTERS

QUARTERLY REPORT

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JAN 2022

**JAN 7, 2022**

**Lt. Gov. Josh Green / COVID in Hawaii (20 minutes)**

The Lt. Gov. visits with an update on COVID-19 in the state. The LG covers the record number of COVID cases over the last several days; the importance of vaccines & boosters; mask wearing basics; the new Honolulu city policy on gatherings; the infectiousness of the omicron variant; the treatment of COVID omicron; the status of testing in Hawaii and the nation; the optimum time for getting a COVID test.

**Nate Gytoku / Japanese Cultural Center / Cultural Activities (10 minutes)**

We catch up with the goings on at the Japanese Cultural Center and their activities during COVID; their New Year Ohana Festival goes online; monthly activities including food preparation tied to the New Year; changes to the Cherry Blossom Festival and pageant; plans and activities the Center is making available via YouTube.

**JAN 14, 2022 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green / COVID in Hawaii**

We have another update from the Lt. Gov. of Hawaii. Today's topics include the latest Covid numbers; herd immunity; the possibility of this being the peak of the omicron spread; omicron vs delta and the loss of taste and smell; crowding in hospitals; staffing challenges in the hospitals; the information coming out of the Dept of Education regarding Covid; an update on mask wearing.

The Lt. Gov. also updates us on the issue with water safety on Red Hill.

**JAN 21, 2022 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green / COVID in Hawaii**

Hawaii's Lt. Gov. Josh Green gives us an update on COVID-19 in Hawaii. Topics include: chances for hospitalization for older adults that have not been vaccinated; the stress on the healthcare system because of COVID; the huge increase in active cases; beyond the first booster shot; the vaccines' effect on reproductive health; the challenge of traveling during a global pandemic; monoclonal antibody treatment; the cycle of the coronavirus; looking ahead to life beyond the pandemic.

**JAN 30, 2022 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green / COVID in Hawaii & general issues**

The Lt. Gov. gives us an update on COVID in Hawaii and other pertinent subjects. Subjects include: the trend of COVID numbers; the City's position on Oahu's Safe Access policy; the

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State government's changing policy as COVID progresses; housing in the stadium area; water safety on Red Hill; proposal of loan repayment for certain industries affected by the pandemic.

## **JAN 30, 2022 – US Rep. Ed Case / Issues regarding Hawaii**

U.S. Rep. Ed Case checks in to update us on what's happening from the federal perspective. Topics include: how COVID has affected life in congress; the stalemate that often happens between the two major parties; the priorities the Hawaii delegation is concerned with at the moment (COVID, infrastructure, Red Hill water safety).

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## **FEB 6, 2022 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green / COVID in Hawaii / Red Hill water**

The Lt. Gov. gives a weekly update on COVID in Hawaii. Topics include the decrease in COVID numbers and what that means; other variants; the Safe Travels program; home testing and the reporting of statistics; the effect of COVID in the schools.

The Lt. Gov. also covers the ongoing issue with safe water in Red Hill.

## **FEB 13, 2022 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green / COVID in Hawaii / Red Hill water**

The Lt. Gov. gives a weekly update on COVID in Hawaii. The LG speaks on the continuing decline of COVID cases, especially hospitalizations; the loosening of restrictions for businesses; vaccinations for children; the COVID death rate; the activity in the hospital; secondary issues that have arisen due to COVID, especially mental health.

The Lt. Gov. also gave an update on issues the legislature has been tackling this session. He also addressed the indictment of two Hawaii legislators on bribery charges.

## **FEB 20, 2021 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green / COVID in Hawaii**

Lt. Gov. Josh Green updates us on the COVID-19 situation in Hawaii. He covers the latest case numbers; anticipating when the death count will start dropping; the numbers on vaccinations and boosted residents; relaxing the restrictions on Oahu;

Other topics: the water controversy at Red Hill and the bill that Hawaii Senator Brian Schatz introduced for the closing of the underground fuel tanks; the upcoming state budget relative to coronavirus response; Hawaii's recent tourism numbers.

## **FEB 20, 2021 – Ron Mizutani / Public Broadcasting Today**

Ron Mizutani is CEO of PBS Hawaii. He talks about the challenges PBS stations have in reaching their audience in the digital age where traditional TV watching is waning and entities like Netflix, smartphone apps, and online streaming services are garnering all the viewing. The challenge of producing TV during a pandemic. He also talked about a new local program PBS Hawaii has been developing that will debut soon.

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## **FEB 27, 2021 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green / COVID in Hawaii / Other issues**

Lt. Gov. Josh Green updates us on the COVID-19 situation in Hawaii. He talked about the downward trend of COVID numbers, the anticipation of the relaxation of restrictions, and best practices as Hawaii returns to normal. The Lt. Gov. also addressed the situation in Ukraine and how it could affect Hawaii. He also gave a brief update on the Red Hill water problem.

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## **MAR 6, 2022 – Jade Stice Family Program Manager / Family Hui Hawaii /**

Family Hui Hawaii provides peer-led parental support. Parents helping parents. FHH helps parents learn and cope with people as they struggle through early parenthood. FHH helps parents of children who are newborn through five years of age. Stice discusses the challenges encountered by COVID. She also covers some of the challenges families have faced because of the pandemic, including being in abusive relationships. Stice also talks about the important role men play in their families, how they learn father skills.

## **MAR 13, 2022 – Dr. Rebecca Sawai-Colorectal Surgeon / Colorectal Cancer**

This week's guest is Dr. Rebecca Sawai. She's a colorectal cancer surgeon. She talks about the disease, it's prevalence in the US, warning signs, lifestyle contributors, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. The preparation process for a colonoscopy.

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## **MAR 27, 2022 – Lt. Gov. Josh Green / COVID in Hawaii**

Lt. Gov. Josh Green checks in with an update on COVID. He talks about the ending of restrictions statewide, the continuing efforts by the state because COVID is not completely eradicated, long COVID cases in Hawaii, the BA-2 variant, the current hospitalization rate in Hawaii, the challenge of tourists returning as the Safe Travels program ends, Hawaii's emergency planning for future.