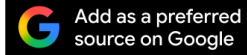


BREAKING NEWS



VIDEO: Gov. David Ige restricts indoor gatherings to 10 people and outdoor activities to 25

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GOV. DAVID IGE'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Gov. David Ige announces COVID-19 executive order for Hawaii



Gov. David Ige, along with four county mayors, today announced new statewide restrictions on the size of social gatherings amid a record surge in [coronavirus](#)  cases in Hawaii.

“We need to minimize person-to-person contact to reduce transmission,” Ige said during a news conference this afternoon. “We all need to be committed to reduce the spread of COVID-19.”

Ige today signed an executive order that sets statewide limits for social gatherings, effective immediately. Social gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Indoor capacity is set at 50%, which includes bars, restaurants, and gyms.

Ige also said mingling is not allowed at restaurants and bars, and masks must be worn at all times except when eating and drinking. Parties must maintain at least 6 feet of distance between groups.

The governor also announced that all “professionally structured events” that will include more than 50 people must submit a COVID-19 mitigation plan with county officials who will review the plan to “ensure that mitigation (measures) to slow the spread of COVID-19 are implemented.” Those events include entertainment, weddings, banquets, conventions and large meetings, he said.

Ige noted that the current seven-day average daily case count is over 500 and virus hospitalizations in Hawaii are at 219. A month ago, the 7-day average daily count was 60 cases and there were 48 hospitalized virus patients.

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State health officials today [recorded 436 new coronavirus cases statewide](#). Today's new confirmed and probable infection count by island includes 292 new cases on Oahu, 33 on Maui, 76 on Hawaii island, 15 on Kauai, three on Molokai and 17 Hawaii residents diagnosed outside the state.

"We need to take action, and we need to take action now," he said.

The governor also said the number of cases from visitors is relatively low at "1 or 2%."

Ige said the restrictions do not affect Hawaii's public schools and he doesn't have any specific target numbers of decreasing COVID-19 cases set in order to lift restrictions.

"We are hoping that the number of new cases plateaus and then starts to fall and I do think that when we see that as a community we will be able to recognize that we have been effective," Ige said.

The emergency order is expected to end Oct. 18 unless the governor issues a subsequent order, according to a news release.

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-05
(Statewide Limits for Social Gatherings, Restaurants, Bars,
and Social Establishments)**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, I issued a Proclamation declaring a state of emergency to support ongoing State and county responses to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued several proclamations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including proclamations that *inter alia* suspended certain laws to enable State and county responses to COVID-19; and implemented a mandatory self-quarantine for all persons entering the State and traveling between counties, mandated safe practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and instituted a vaccination and testing policy for all State and county employees;

WHEREAS, Delta, a highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 virus strain, has resulted in spiking case numbers around the world and in the United States of America, and continues to spread at an alarming rate in our State;

WHEREAS, the Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus has changed the course of the pandemic in our State urgently, such that the COVID-19 continues to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Hawai'i and requires the immediate and serious attention, effort, and sacrifice of all people in the State to avert unmanageable strains on our healthcare system and other catastrophic impacts to the State;

WHEREAS, despite the success of the State's mitigation and vaccination efforts, based on recent events surrounding the sudden rise of COVID-19 cases as a result of the Delta variant, hospitalizations, and deaths and the strong recommendation from our

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*Editor's Note: Watch the video from the news conference above.
This story is developing and will be updated.*

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Correction: Gov. David Ige misspoke during a Tuesday news conference when he said churches must comply with his new executive order that limits occupancy in social establishments to 50%, according to the governor's office. A

previous version of this story reported that churches must comply with the new capacity limits, but they are exempt.



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