



**COMMANDER, NAVY REGION HAWAII/
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**COVID-19 AWARENESS
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Region and MIDPAC Ohana,

I begin this update with a portion of the Commander's Intent from Admiral Paparo, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet as outlined in a recently released message:

"It has been over year since the world was irrevocably changed by the COVID-19 pandemic which has forced us to alter the way we go about our daily lives. It also has changed the way we operate as a naval force ensuring force generation requirements and mission assurance while keeping the health of Sailors, civilians, and contractors as a top priority. I could not be more proud of how you all have conducted yourselves during this pandemic which is evident from the low transmission of COVID-19 and the high vaccination rates across the Fleet."

As Admiral Paparo says, we have adapted and made significant progress while maintaining our health and readiness. Now as restrictions loosen, we prepare for a summer that will likely include travel we missed last year due to COVID-19. As you start planning any trips, it is important to keep up to speed on the latest policy changes that could affect your travel. You do not want unwanted surprises.

Recent changes are welcome. Hawaii Governor David Ige announced that beginning June 15, all travelers vaccinated within Hawaii will be able to travel via trans-Pacific routes without a pre-travel test. Those who have been vaccinated in Hawaii will be able to fly out and return without a pre-travel COVID-19 test. Also beginning June 15, all travelers traveling inter-island within Hawaii will no longer require a pre-travel test and there will be no quarantine requirements for inter-island travel. There will be no restrictions flying between islands within Hawaii.

Note that this elimination of a pre-travel COVID-19 test applies for now only to those who have been vaccinated in Hawaii. If you have friends and family members travelling to Hawaii, and they have been vaccinated off-islands, they will still be required to submit results of a negative NAAT test (nucleic acid amplification test) administered within 72 hours of their time of departure to Hawaii into the Hawaii State Trusted Traveler program. The test must be administered by one of the state's trusted partners. You can find more information about the state's Trusted Traveler program at <https://www.hawaii-guide.com/hawaii-covid-testing#test-details> or at www.hawaiiourismauthority.org. If you are planning a trip off-island, I recommend you carry your vaccine card with you.

We have covered a lot of ground since the first COVID-19 update 17 months ago. We've shared information on good personal hygiene habits and covered ways to protect each other from the COVID-19 virus. We have added new phrases to our everyday language lexicon like "social distancing" and "teleworking." We've gotten

smarter about how we conduct our business and support our mission. Vaccines are now on the scene, and while the finish line is coming into view, we still have work to do. You have gotten us to where we are today primarily by making good decisions. Making the right decisions now will continue to protect our health while preserving operational readiness – our mission. So keep making the right decisions.

As always, take care of yourselves and your families.

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Stay up-to-date on the latest developments at the following links (Copy & Paste):

- CNRH COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/coronavirus-disease-2019.html> - CNRH Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii/>