

Kona Community Hospital COVID 19 Community Update

Aloha All,

We encourage all employees and community members to follow updates to learn current COVID-19 status and vaccine information as the situation is rapidly changing.

KCH Vaccination eligibility:

- All frontline and healthcare workers
- **NEW: Individuals 16+ years of age**
- Phase 1C individuals
- Essential workers
- Pre-registration open for individuals 16+ years of age ([Click here to download form](#))

Reminder of expanded Call Center service hours: KCH schedulers and three volunteer schedulers this week! The Call Center is now accepting calls Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 2:00pm. Expanded manpower and Call Center hours will help the registration and appointment process. However, the KCH Call Center phone lines continue to be very busy with people wanting to schedule appointments.

****If you know Kupuna who may have had difficulty reaching our Call Center, please encourage them to try again. As we expand eligibility, this at-risk population remains a top priority for us.**

- KCH Call Center 808-322-4451
- KCH Email Address: KCHCovidVaccine@hhsc.org

We appreciate our community's patience as we work diligently to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to everyone who wants to be vaccinated.

Please see Kona Community Hospital COVID-19 update for April 7, 2021 (as of 4:00pm) below:

- 2 total
 - 0 ICU
 - 2 Med Surg acute care unit
 - 0 ventilator(s) in use for COVID patient(s)
- As of April 7, 2021 a cumulative total of 6 deaths have occurred in the hospital (no change since last update).

View Hawaii's latest reported statistics:

- Total confirmed cases in State as of April 5: 30,363
 - Total confirmed cases in County as of April 5: 2,546
 - State of Hawaii, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency: [COVID-19 Information Hub](#)
 - April 1: [Weekly COVID Cluster Report](#)
 - April 6: [Daily Digest](#)
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COVID-19 vaccine clinic stats as of April 7, 2021 COVID-19:

- Kona Community Hospital
 - 14,245 = Total vaccines administered (1st and 2nd doses)
 - 4458 = Total Kupuna (70+) vaccinated (1st and 2nd doses)
- Kohala Hospital (as of March 24)
 - 258 = Total vaccines administered (1st and 2nd doses)

KCH COVID19 Vaccine Registration & Scheduling

- Register with KCH COVID Call Center (808) 322-4451 or by email (voicemails will not be returned)
- Pre-registration form with instructions can be downloaded from the KCH website (updated 3/11/2021):<https://kch.hhsc.org/wp-content/uploads/Kona-Covid-vaccine-registration-form-V-3.11.2021.pdf>
 - Note: First download the form, complete the form and then send it to our vaccine email address.
 - Submit registration form via email to KCHCOVIDvaccine@hhsc.org

MEDIA COVERAGE:

West Hawaii Today

- **March 24:** [Lt. Gov Green said recent uptick in COVID-19 cases the result of people gathering and not being quite safe enough](#)

This American Life: [Boulder v Hill](#)

- This segment of the popular NPR podcast, chronicles one team's journey to find a vaccine for Corona viruses. If you like science, history and storytelling, this is worth a listen.

Click here for the latest updates from the [Hawai'i State Department of Health](#) and the [Hawaii County Civil Defense](#).

See additional COVID-19 information at the Kona Community Hospital [website](#).

This update is provided to KCH stakeholders, community members and media outlets. It does not replace the internal KCH Employee Update. Dated information will remain on the update for one week.

Mahalo,



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