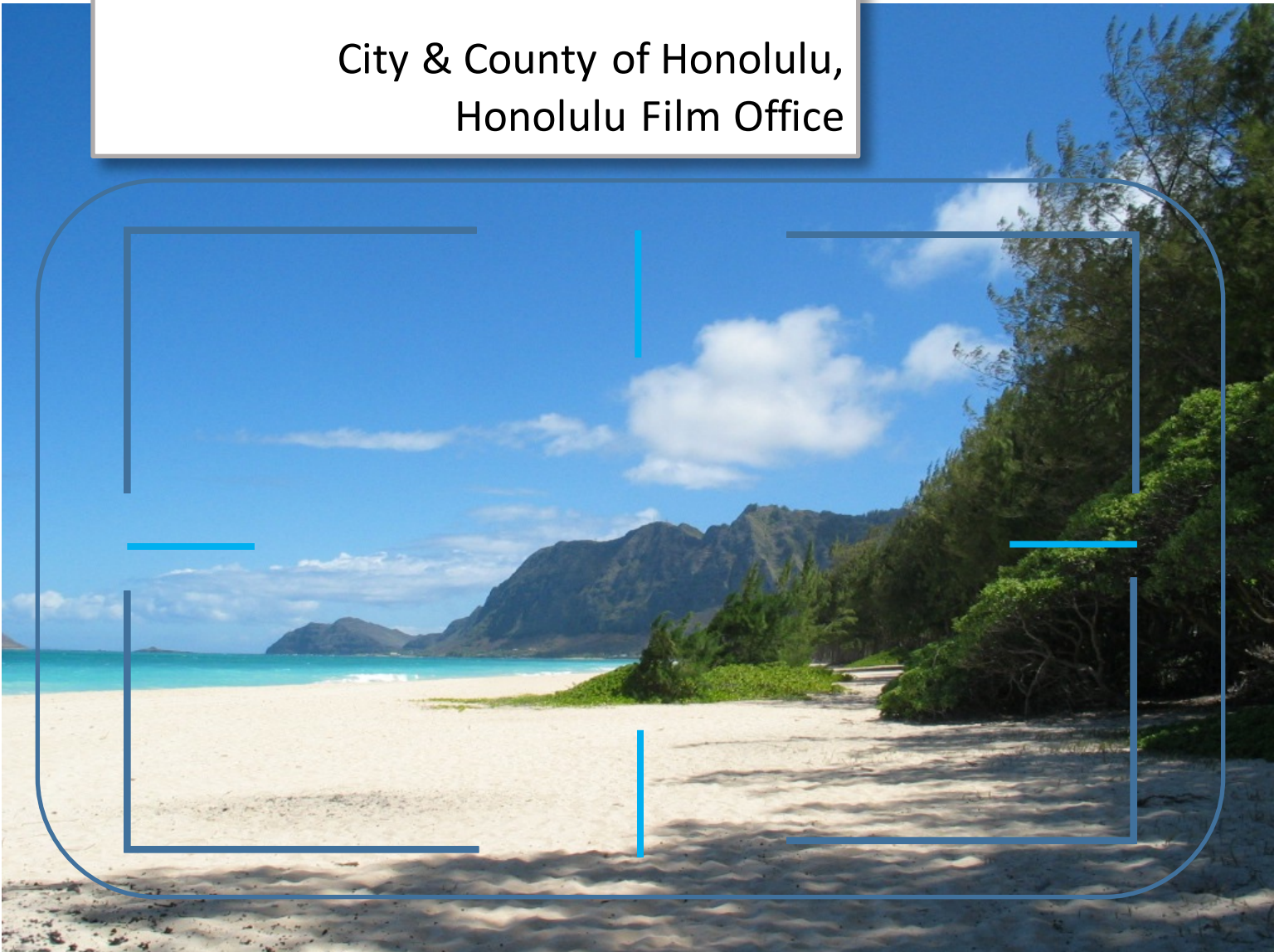


COVID-19

Modified Quarantine Procedures for Travelers Arriving in Honolulu

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GUIDANCE FOR CAST AND CREW TRAVELING TO HAWAII

Systematic or societal measures to reduce spread of COVID-19 vary from country to country. Any production filming in the City and County of Honolulu must follow the general rules in effect for the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu, regardless of the nationality of the cast and crew. Due to the lack of a vaccine or effective antiviral therapy against SARS-CoV-2 which causes COVID-19, the key systematic containment measures available for COVID-19 are isolation of individuals with COVID-19 and quarantine for individuals who are known or had possible contact with those with the virus.

The latest information on restrictions related to travel to Hawaii can be found here:

<https://hawaiicovid19.com/guidance-for-everyone/#visitors-travelers>

During the COVID-19 epidemic strict social distancing measures and bans on gatherings were put effect in Hawaii. The state is now in a phased-in reopening process, taking steps to gradually reduce the restrictions. The latest information on such restrictions can be found here:

<https://hawaiicovid19.com/>

<https://www.oneoahu.org/>

The pillars of managing COVID-19 are quarantine measures, testing, contract tracing and practicing the safety habits of wearing facial coverings and good hygiene of which hand washing is paramount. These measures should be done as a matter of course, at work and in the after-work environment.

Please keep in mind that continued easing of restrictions is only possible if the epidemic does not swell again. If Hawaii experiences a resurgence of cases of the virus, stricter rules may be enforced and modifications and exemptions restricted or voided.

As of January 26, 2021 the United States federal government requires all travelers including returning residents to the US to show proof of a negative Covid-19 test. Details can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/fr-proof-negative-test.html>

MODIFIED QUARANTINE PROCEDURES FOR PRODUCTION, Updated February 20, 2021

The following is a modification of the rules for quarantine for travel to the City and County of Honolulu for the specific purpose of film production. These modifications do not apply for individuals in quarantine after known exposure or for individuals with COVID-19 who must be isolated. Based on testing and results, a full or modified quarantine strategy can be employed.

Full Quarantine status

Unless granted an exemption from the State of Hawaii or the City and County of Honolulu's Modified Quarantine program, the full rules of quarantine shall apply:

<https://hawaiicovid19.com/testing-isolation-quarantine/>

State of Hawaii Safe Travels Program:

Travelers may follow the state of Hawaii's pre-flight testing program. Pre-travel testing enables travelers to avoid a mandatory 10-day quarantine if they are tested within 72 hours before their flight to Hawaii departs with an FDA-approved nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) and can show proof of a negative test result.

Beginning October 15, passengers who successfully complete a pre-travel test will not be subject to the state's 10-day quarantine program. FDA-approved NAAT tests, processed by a CLIA-certified laboratory are the only types of coronavirus tests currently approved by the State of Hawaii.

The state of Hawaii will ONLY accept test results from TRUSTED TESTING AND TRAVEL PARTNERS:

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/travel-partners/>

<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/coronavirus/>

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/travel/#travel-FAQs>

Modified Quarantine Option:

Implementation of the modified procedures must be requested and will be reviewed on a project by project basis to receive an exemption from quarantine if a Trusted Testing and Travel Partner in the State of Hawaii's Safe Travels program is not utilized. If the production is able to work under the state's Safe Travels program, no modification request is necessary.

Modified quarantine protocols must be followed by the production company and the traveler. Travelers must sign affidavits confirming they will conform to the plan as a part of the application process.

Modified Quarantine Protocols:

A valid PCR or NAAT test must be taken 2 to 3 days before boarding a flight to Hawaii. A negative result for COVID-19 is required before flying or the traveler will be required to quarantine for 10 days; self-quarantine must be done between the time of the test and boarding the flight.

While traveling it is recommended that all travelers carry hand-sanitizer to use frequently during travel, especially after touching common surfaces in the airport or airplane, and prior to meals the use in-flight of masks is recommended to the extent possible and reasonable.

Upon arrival in Hawaii, production personnel must go from the airport directly to their temporary residence and will be placed in "Modified Quarantine Status" until a 2nd test can be administered six (6) to seven (7) days after the initial pre-board test that shows a negative result; a negative result will conclude the Modified Quarantine Status and the traveler may exit the program.

While in Modified Quarantine Status, production personnel may travel from their place of residence (hotel, home, etc.) to the place of work (set, production office) via a private vehicle (no ride share vehicles or public transportation will be allowed).

Travelers who do not take a second test must restrict their movements to only between their place of residence and place of work until their 10th day in Hawaii. If departing prior to the date a 2nd test can be taken or a test is allowed to be administered, travelers shall proceed directly to the airport from their place of residence or worksite.

Travelers who exit the Modified Quarantine program shall follow general public guidance.

Inter-island travel restrictions for the general public will apply to the production cast and crew.
<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/coronavirus/>

A wellness check consisting of a temperature check and symptoms questionnaire of all modified quarantine status crew must be done prior to the start of their work each day until a second negative test is received, or until their 10th day in Hawaii if the traveler does not take a second test.

While at work it is recommended that as little mixing as possible of those under modified quarantine status occur with the Hawaii-based crew. Every effort should be made to allow a minimum of six (6) feet distance between those under modified quarantine status and the Hawaii-based crew.

Honolulu has implemented a Reopening Strategy with limitations on size of social gatherings due to COVID-19. While such limitations are in effect, they apply to film production crews in public settings. Groups of up to 10 people organized in pods and zones are allowed in private property settings if a production adopts a testing regiment for the cast and crew while Honolulu is in Tier 1 or Tier 2. Modifications of quarantine procedures are unrelated to the limitations of gatherings.
<https://www.oneoahu.org/reopening-strategy>

Crew size should be kept to a minimum in general, and organized into groups in such a way that a safe distance of six (6) feet between crew members and cast in other groups can generally be maintained.

The number of people on set for each scene or task should be limited as much as possible.

Visitors are not allowed on set. Cast and crew should only be present for scenes and tasks in which they are directly involved.

Government officials which may include film office personnel, executive or departmental staff are not classified as visitors.

All testing requirements and associated costs of testing are the sole responsibility of the production company. All testing procedures and protocols must comply with all applicable CDC guidelines and any guidelines recommended by the Department of Health, State of Hawaii.

It is strongly recommended that all personnel (cast and crew) on a film/TV production in the City and County of Honolulu wear visible identification lanyards or ID tags while on Modified Quarantine status. On-air cast is exempt from this recommendation while they are actively being photographed for a scene.

Working with Hotels

Production is encouraged to reach out to local hoteliers to see how best they may be able to accommodate the needs of production at this unusual time.

Creating a mini-quarantine zone(s) in the hotel (a section, wing, an entire floor, etc)

Utilizing spaces such as ballrooms, meeting rooms and other unused spaces as temporary soundstages and production offices within the hotel that crew is also housed

The COVID-19: *Guidelines for the Film Industry in Honolulu 2020* and any supplemental guidance must be followed to the greatest extent possible.

Changes in travel restrictions to the City and County of Honolulu and Hawaii may result in changes to these procedures.