



## **HAWAI'I COVID-19 JOINT INFORMATION CENTER NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MAUI WOMAN IS HAWAI'I'S 17<sup>TH</sup> CORONAVIRUS-ASSOCIATED DEATH**

HONOLULU – Hawai'i is mourning the passing of another kupuna that may be associated with COVID-19 infection. Dept. of Health Director (DOH) Dr. Bruce Anderson said, "Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of another valued member of our community. COVID-19 is still a critical issue for everyone in Hawai'i. Please follow social distancing guidelines and current emergency rules to help protect our most vulnerable people."

DOH reports the 17<sup>th</sup> death is a woman, over 60-years-old, with underlying medical conditions. She had been in the hospital at Maui Memorial Medical Center since late February. Her infection occurred in mid-April. COVID-19 is not believed to be the primary cause of death, due to her other serious illnesses, but may have been a contributing factor to her passing.

With the state's infection curve flattening, and single digit new COVID-19 cases being reported in the past few days, Anderson and other state leaders caution we must not let our guard down. He said, "With the pending reopening of businesses, we urge everyone to continue doing what they've been doing - stay at home, unless it's necessary to go out, practice social distancing, wash your hands, and wear masks. For now, this is our new normal, in order to protect each other and prevent the spread of the disease."

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