2 Test modified Safer Travels proposal

How to allow travel with minimal community impact

A safer plan will stop COVID-19 from overwhelming the community

For the sake of our families and school aged children we can do better.

Our children are the future. They have no lobby, no place at the table, we cannot forget them in our plan, so we MUST be their voice.

According to DOH metrics we must have average daily positive cases of less than 2/100k people to be in the "green" for in-person school.

WHY IS THIS NOT HAWAII'S GOAL?

Proposed "better" Safer Travels Plan

Pre-Travel Test

Continue 72 hr pre-travel test requirement.

- Register with Safe
 Travels program with QR code
- Get a DOH approved wristband to board airplane and participate in program.

Post-Arrival

Wear wrist band until 2nd test on day 4-6

- Download: "Aloha Safe" contact tracing app
- Visitor is on "modified quarantine"
- No entry to indoor public areas (curbside pickup and take out only)
- Enjoy outdoors as long as physically distanced and masked

2nd Test

After negative 2nd test wristband is removed by medical personnel

- No longer under any quarantine or restrictions
- Self monitor for symptoms and get tested if showing symptoms
- Keep Aloha Safe app (or equivalent) on phone for at least one week after returning home.

Benefit

- Allows travelers to enjoy the islands while not putting residents at significant risk.
- Travelers would be on a "modified quarantine" until 2nd test. During this quarantine period they may pickup to-go orders from restaurants and use outdoor areas in compliance with state and county mandates.
- After a negative second test healthcare worker will cut off wristband and the traveler would no longer be on quarantine.
- The number of infected travelers "slipping through the cracks" is greatly reduced.

*Removal of the wristband would break quarantine and emergency orders
**HTA/Resorts would be responsible for obtaining and administering tests for visitors

Why we need safer travels:

Community Spread

Undetected case from travel spreads into community

Businesses close

Small businesses have to close for the safety of the greater community and are disproportionately impacted.

New "Patient Zero"

Introduction of new cases in Hawai'i

Schools Close

Children are Hawaii's future and should not have to sacrifice a quality education for the community's protection.

Stay at home / Stop Travel

Spread becomes too wide-spread to safely remain open or allow unrestricted travel. Hospitals are strained.

Three Step Safer Travel Plan

Fewer cases "slipping through the cracks" and becoming community spread

Currently at least 7 out of every 1000 travelers with a negative pre-test are actually positive. This would detect more of those unidentified cases.

