

# COVID-19

# HAWAI'I STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# ISOLATION AND EXPOSURE GUIDANCE

#### **ISOLATION**

Isolate from others when you have COVID-19 or a positive test regardless of vaccination status. Isolate if you are sick with symptoms of COVID-19 but do not yet have test results.

**Stay home for at least 5 days** and <u>isolate</u> from others in your home.

Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms developed or your test specimen was collected.

Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.

Monitor your symptoms. If you have a medical emergency, call 911.

Let your close contacts, employer, and/or school know that you tested positive.

#### **END ISOLATION**

If you test positive and have no symptoms, end isolation after day 5.

If you test positive and have symptoms, end isolation after day 5 if:

- You have had no fever for 24 hours, without taking fever-reducing medications and
- Your symptoms are improving.

If you have a fever or are not yet improving, remain in isolation until all the above are true.<sup>1</sup>

# If you test negative, end isolation.

If you have continuing symptoms and your negative result was from a home test, continue to isolate and test again after at least 24 hours.

### **TAKE PRECAUTIONS THROUGH DAY 10**

Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days when around others inside your home and indoors in public.

Do **not** go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.

**Avoid** public transportation and travel.

**Avoid** being around people who are at high risk for serious illness for 10 full days.

# **EXPOSURE TO A PERSON WITH COVID-19**

Take precautions for 10 days, regardless of vaccination status.

You can develop COVID-19 up to 10 days after you have been exposed.

- Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days when around others inside your home and indoors in public.
- Watch for symptoms.
- Test if you develop symptoms and follow ISOLATION guidance.
- Test at least 5 full days after your last exposure even if you don't have symptoms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If you have <u>moderate-to-severe COVID-19 illness or a weakened immune system</u>, CDC recommends isolating through day 10 and consulting your healthcare provider.