

HR Tracker, ¶46,783, Hawaii governor issue statewide order to stay at home, work from home — STATE LAW, (Mar. 27, 2020)

Hawaii Governor David Ige on Monday, March 23, signed a third supplementary proclamation ordering the entire state to stay at home and work from home starting at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, March 25 through April 30. Essential workers are exempt.

The action complements orders issued by Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Maui County Mayor Mike Victorino over the weekend.

“The threat of COVID-19 is unprecedented and requires aggressive action,” said Ige. “I have been in discussions with our county mayors who are developing their own plans to meet the unique needs of their counties. We also agree that a statewide order is necessary for cohesion and consistency.”

To ensure that the state continues to provide essential, core services, there are exemptions in the following categories: Healthcare services, grocery stores and pharmacies, food production and farming, public and private schools, restaurants offering take-out services, hotels and motels, construction, and essential government functions.

In turn, residents can leave their homes for various needs, including healthcare, purchasing food, medicine and gasoline, taking care of the elderly, minors, and those with disabilities, returning to a place of residence outside of Hawaii, picking up educational materials for distance learning, receiving meals and any other related services, and outdoor exercise— including surfing, swimming and walking pets.

Non-compliance would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000, or up to one year in jail, or both.

For more information about exemptions, E-mail CovidExemption@hawaii.gov.

Those who would like to volunteer ideas or resources to assist in the response effort should email CovidKokua@hawaii.gov.

Governor Ige also announced the state is extending tax deadlines for the Hawaii 2019 individual and corporate income tax filing and payments. The deadline is extended from April 20 to July 20. No action is needed to participate in the tax relief program. The department is making necessary system changes to include the new dates. However, taxpayers expecting a refund for tax year 2019 should file as soon as possible.

Source: State of Hawaii, Office of the Governor, News Release, March 23, 2020.