

Hempfield Band Travel to Hawaii

All students and chaperones, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a mask while on all forms of transportation (this includes buses & airplanes).

Students and chaperones will be required to follow all CDC guidelines that are in place at the time of the trip as well as any policies that are in place by Hempfield Area School District, the State of Hawaii, FAA/TSA regarding masking and social distancing.

While Covid-19 vaccination is currently recommended for everyone > age 12 by the CDC, it is not a requirement for entrance into Hawaii, or for air travel at this time. Should Hawaii or the airlines require proof of vaccination for entrance or air travel, it will be a requirement for participation on this trip. Students who are vaccinated should have proof of vaccination with them should it be needed. *(If you are considering having your child fully vaccinated for this trip, but have not yet done so, remember that it takes two weeks after the second dose to be considered fully vaccinated. We would recommend starting that process now if that is your goal.)*

Here are the current mandates for entering Hawaii

You can find these at <https://travel.hawaii.gov/#/> or <https://ets.hawaii.gov/travelhelp>

Here is a summary- Hawaii has a 5 day quarantine mandated unless you apply for an exception (We do not want anyone to have to quarantine so all will apply for an exemption).

* The first three steps are the same.

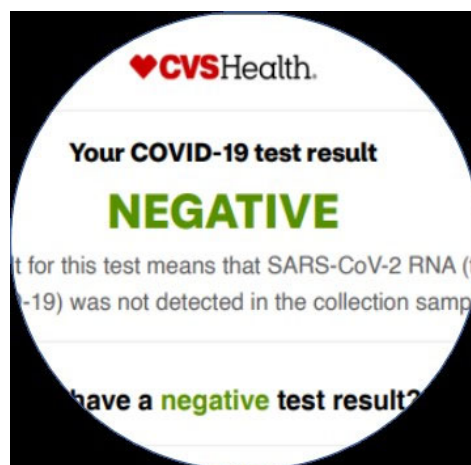
Step 1. Create an account profile @travel.hawaii.gov

Step 2. Enter trip info

Step 3. Apply for exception to Quarantine

Step 4. There are 3 ways to get that exemption.

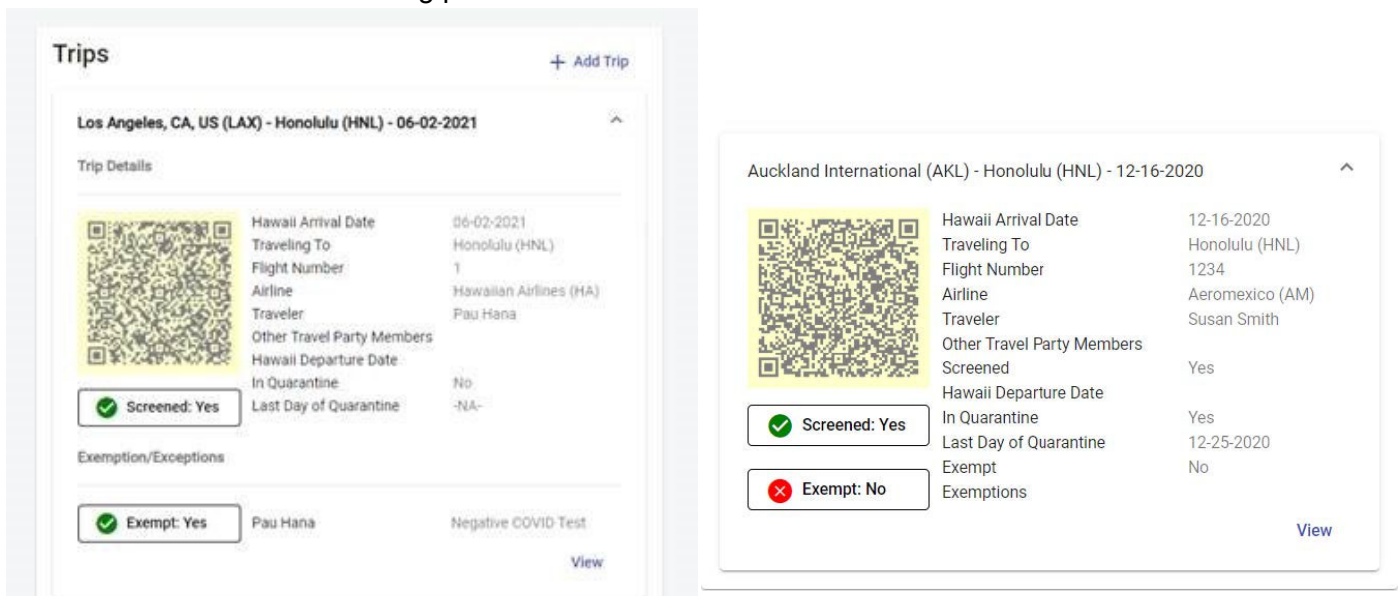
- a. Pre-travel testing program- upload NAAT/PCR COVID-19 test result.
Must be from a trusted testing & Travel partner This needs to be taken no more than 72hrs before boarding the final leg of the trip (flight) landing in Hawaii. ***We are trying to set this up as a group for those that need it.**
 - Trusted Travel sites include CVS, Walgreens, Quest +



- Must have this exact format for trusted travel partner
- b. Vaccine exemption program- upload proof of vaccination
- c. Safe travels Digital Health Pass partners- health pass partner has varying limitations for vaccine validations. Check with health pass partner for more details.
 - ClearMe- NOT for under 18!
 - Common Pass- code with vaccination, participating vender.
https://commonpass.org/howto?utm_source=hagov&utm_medium=glance&utm_campaign=hawaii
 - Azova- <https://www.azova.com/hawaii/>
 - Confirmation of Vaccine is (\$10)
 - At home saliva RT-PCR Test (\$115 dependent on mail)

*more details can be found at this site <https://ag.hawaii.gov/travelexemption/>

Step 5. Click on Trips to access your QR code and trip info. Show to airport screener for verification and screening process.



This testing will also help to minimize the chance that a student or chaperone will become ill with Covid on the trip and miss out on activities due to illness or quarantine. For your child's safety, as well as the safety of those that they will be rooming with, we strongly suggest that students going on the trip **avoid large gatherings, especially indoors, and wear face coverings the week before the trip.** Our hope is that all students and chaperones will follow the correct steps to apply for, and be granted, exemption from the mandatory 5 day quarantine.

Reliable sites

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

<https://travel.hawaii.gov/>

***Exemption for people who have tested positive for COVID 19 and recovered.**

There is an exemption for people who have tested positive for Covid 19 and recovered. To be considered for this exemption, you must upload 1) a copy of your positive Covid 19 test result, and 2) a signed letter from your medical provider.

1. Positive Covid 19 Test. The positive Covid 19 test result MUST be:
 1. A molecular test (NAAT, PCR, or RNA);
 2. Processed by a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) certified lab OR Department of Defense Clinical Laboratory Improvement Program (CLIP) lab with the name and CLIA/CLIP number of the lab clearly printed on the result; and
 3. Dated no more than 90 days and no less than 11 days from your departure date for Hawaii.

If the laboratory name and CLIA/CLIP number are not on the lab result, you must obtain this information and include it in the “Details” section of the application.

2. Medical Provider Letter. The medical provider letter MUST be:
 1. Dated at least 10 days after the collection date of your positive result and no earlier than 14 days before your departure date for Hawaii;
 2. Signed by your medical provider with your medical provider’s name and National Provider Identifier (NPI) clearly listed.
 3. Clearly written to indicate you are currently symptom free, or your symptoms have resolved, or you are cleared to travel.
 4. This exemption would eliminate the need for pre-travel testing.

* To be clear, if a person who planned to travel then is not permitted to travel, it is the state of Hawaii restricting that, not the Hempfield Band. The band parents promised to plan a trip to Hawaii, that is what they have done. IF the State of Hawaii restricts someone then that is the state of Hawaii enforcing the rules they have established.

SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUAL

In the event a student/students become [symptomatic](#) of COVID-19 the following actions will be taken:

- The symptomatic student will be isolated from other students (moved to a room by themselves or with other same gender infectious students once confirmed)
- Ill student(s) will be tested to confirm suspicion of COVID illness
- Student(s) will be treated for symptoms and monitored regularly
- Parents will be notified as soon as possible
- Sick students will not be left at the hotel without a chaperone on site.

COVID EXPOSURES * THIS MAY CHANGE BASED ON SCHOOL POLICY

Vaccinated students (or those who have tested positive in the past 3months) who have had close contact with a student confirmed to have Covid-19:

- Will not be required to quarantine per CDC guidelines
- Will be monitored for [symptoms](#) daily
- Will be required to wear a mask when out in public
- Will be required to show proof of vaccination or doctors note of positive test in past 90 days

Unvaccinated students who have had close contact with a student confirmed to have Covid-19:

- Will be required to quarantine at the hotel per CDC guidelines for the remainder of the trip
- Will be monitored for [symptoms](#) daily
- Will be rapid tested if there is any concern, family to reimburse at \$10/test
- If asymptomatic, student will be permitted to fly home with an N95 mask on at all times (test is recommended on day 6)
- If symptomatic the student will be rapid tested and if positive
 - Parent will be notified
 - Staff and/or chaperones will make arrangements to stay with student(s) according to the state of Hawaii guidelines

What constitutes [close contact](#)? – (15 minutes or greater over a 24-hour period, at a distance of <6 feet). For ease of communicating this to students – anyone who has eaten a meal together or is a roommate will be assumed to have had close contact exposure.

Any student(s) unable to fly home because of COVID-19 illness:

- A same gender chaperone or staff member will remain with the student(s) at the hotel
- Parents will be contacted the family will be responsible for housing and travel costs for the chaperones that are not covered by insurance.

In the event of any serious illness or injury that requires hospitalization a chaperone or staff member will remain with the student.

In the case of non-COVID illness or injury:

- Student is to notify a chaperone as soon as possible
- Chaperone will assess the situation and determine if one of the medical chaperones should be notified to evaluate the health of the student
- The medical personnel will assess and evaluate if student requires other medical attention or if they can remain under their supervision and monitoring
- Any student(s) who are ill and unable to participate in the day's activities will remain at the hotel with supervision of a staff or chaperone
- We will follow the school guidelines for illness regarding attendance in daily activities -

Other Considerations:

- Consider having a flu shot before travel.
- May want to consider a Covid Booster if it has been >6 months since the last vaccination
- Remember to administer **any medication** (Prescription or over the counter) I MUST have a completed Permission to Administer and Maintain Medication form. This includes:
 - The Physician order with Name of the medicine, reason for taking, dosage and when it should be given.
 - Physician signature
 - Signed parent/Guardian release of liability

We will have a med check day prior to the trip that you will bring in all medicine that will be administered on the trip to check for requirements and answer questions and so that administration records can be created.

- You will send in a ziplock baggie with your child's name and birthday on the bag, medication in original bottle, only enough for the trip (2 extra doses are ok).
- I carry "as needed medications" of Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums, first aid supplies.

Each student should have the following with them for the trip:

- Less than 3oz. bottle hand sanitizer
- 7 masks (one for each day of the trip plus 2 extra) May want to consider universal N95 or KN95 for more protection.
- A copy or picture of their vaccination card
- QR code (either printed or on phone, or both) to show to airport screener for verification and screening process. Student's chaperone will also take a picture of the student with their QR code as a second form of verification.

Other References:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>