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### **Tuberculosis (TB) clearance requirements reinstated** *TB clearance now available by phone or email for those who qualify*

HONOLULU — Tuberculosis (TB) clearance requirements for childcare, school, post-secondary institutions and for food handlers have been reinstated effective June 1, 2020. These routine TB clearance requirements had been waived temporarily through May 31 to support COVID-19 social distancing and mitigation efforts. The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) has resumed issuing clearances for these groups and now offers phone and email clearance for many people who may be eligible. The department continues to issue clearances for healthcare workers and patients in long-term care facilities.

“The Department of Health is now offering phone and email clearances for TB to those that qualify,” said Dr. Elizabeth MacNeil, chief of the TB Control Branch. “For those who still require walk-in services, we’ve implemented new policies and procedures to support social distancing measures and prevent the spread of COVID-19. We encourage everyone to call in advance to learn how to best use the services and obtain their clearance as conveniently as possible for childcare, school or work.”

#### **TB clearance by phone**

Individuals seeking clearance may call the nearest office (below) to see if they qualify for a telephone clearance assessment or to make an appointment for a TB clearance. Calls are taken 7:45 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, except for holidays.

#### **O‘ahu:**

Central O‘ahu (Pearl City):	453-6190
East Honolulu:	733-9220
Leeward O‘ahu (Waipahu):	675-0073
Windward O‘ahu (Kaneohe):	233-5450

#### **Hawai‘i Island**

Hilo:	974-6025
Kailua-Kona	322-1500
Waimea	887-8116 or 887-8117

<b>Maui and Lana‘i</b>	984-8260
<b>Moloka‘i</b>	553-7880

**Maui and Lana'i**  
**Moloka'i**  
**Kaua'i**

984-8260  
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241-3387

### **TB clearance by email**

To request a TB clearance by email, complete the Request Form available at [www.health.hawaii.gov/tb](http://www.health.hawaii.gov/tb) and email the completed form to [DOH.tbclearance@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:DOH.tbclearance@doh.hawaii.gov). DOH will provide an e-mail or phone response to requests within one business day. Some people may be eligible to obtain a TB clearance without having to come into the clinic.

### **Walk-in services**

Walk-in services are still available at the Lanakila Health Center TB Clinic located at 1700 Lanakila Ave. in Honolulu but are reserved for kupuna and health care workers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Call 832-5733 for more information.

Public Health Nursing Offices no longer have walk-in clinics for TB clearances.

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