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Hawaii Department of Health advises residents and visitors to avoid or limit exposure to flood waters

The Hawaii Department of Health is advising all residents and visitors to stay out of flood waters and limit exposure. Heavy rains have caused storm water runoff throughout the island of Kauai and in East Honolulu, producing flooding and areas of standing water.

Everyone is advised to stay out of flood and storm waters due to possible overflowing cesspools, sewers, and storm drains, as well as exposure to pesticides, animal fecal matter, dead animals, pathogens, chemicals, and associated flood debris.

If you must enter areas with flood waters, use caution to minimize exposure. Shower immediately and thoroughly clean and exposed and contaminated areas. Clean and cover all wounds, and pay special attention to injuries. Keep children out of standing and flood waters.

The Department is also reminding all residents and visitors that it has issued a brown water advisory for Kauai and the shores of Eastern Oahu, where heavy rains have caused runoff into coastal waters.

Always practice good personal hygiene and follow-up with your primary care physician if you have any health concerns.