

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-06**

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Hawai'i, I, David Y. Ige, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, hereby order the following, effective on the date of this Executive Order to and including the date that the COVID-19 emergency ceases or unless and until I take such other executive action that supersedes or terminates this Executive Order:

1. For the purposes of this Executive Order, the following terms are defined as set forth below:
  - a. "Health care facility" means any program, institution, place, building, or agency, or portion thereof, private or public, other than federal facilities or services, whether organized for profit or not, used, operated, or designed to provide medical diagnosis, treatment, nursing, rehabilitative, or preventive care to any person or persons. The term includes but is not limited to facilities licensed or certified by DOH pursuant to section 321-11(10), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and others providing similarly organized services regardless of nomenclature, and any state government-operated site providing health care services established for the purpose of responding to the COVID-19 emergency.
  - b. "Health care professional" means physicians and surgeons and others licensed or certified pursuant to chapter 453, podiatrists licensed pursuant to chapter 463E, dentists licensed pursuant to chapter 448, psychologists licensed pursuant to chapter 465, nurses licensed pursuant to chapter 457, veterinarians licensed pursuant to chapter 471, acupuncturists licensed pursuant to chapter 436E, massage therapists licensed pursuant to chapter 452, naturopathic physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 455, chiropractors licensed pursuant to chapter 442, occupational therapists licensed pursuant to chapter 457G, physical therapists licensed pursuant to chapter 461J, respiratory therapists licensed pursuant to chapter 466D,

radiographers, radiation therapists and nuclear medicine technologists licensed pursuant to chapter 466J, speech pathologists or audiologists licensed pursuant to chapter 468E, pharmacists licensed pursuant to chapter 461, emergency medical services personnel licensed pursuant to part II of chapter 453 and operating pursuant to part XVIII of chapter 321, firefighters rendering assistance, or health care facility administrative and management professionals who (i) are providing health care services at a health care facility in response to the COVID-19 emergency and are authorized to do so; or (ii) are working under the direction of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) or Hawai'i Department of Health (HDOH) pursuant to my Emergency Proclamation Related to the COVID-19 Response issued on August 5, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as "Emergency Proclamation").

- c. "Health care volunteer" means all volunteers or medical, nursing, social work, occupational, physical, or respiratory therapist students who do not have licensure who (i) are providing services, assistance, or support at a health care facility in response to the COVID-19 emergency and are authorized to do so; or (ii) are working under the direction of HIEMA or HDOH pursuant to my Emergency Proclamation related to the COVID-19 response.
- d. "Rendering assistance" in support of the State's response includes cancelling or postponing elective surgeries and procedures as directed by HDOH or its designee(s), implementing the Hawai'i State Crisis Standards of Care Triage Allocation Framework as each facility determines to be appropriate under the circumstances presented by the COVID-19 emergency, and conserving scarce medical resources, such as oxygen and other medical supplies and countermeasures, at the direction of HDOH or its designee(s).

2. Pursuant to sections 127A-12(a)(5) and 663-1.5, HRS, I direct all health care facilities, health care professionals, and health care volunteers, as defined in section 1 of this Executive Order, to render assistance in support of the

State's response to the COVID-19 emergency recognized by the Emergency Proclamation. For health care facilities, rendering assistance in support of the State's response includes cancelling or postponing elective surgeries and procedures as directed by the HDOH, implementing the Hawai'i State Crisis Standards of Care Triage Allocation Framework as each facility determines to be appropriate under the circumstances presented by the COVID-19 emergency, and conserving scarce medical resources such as oxygen supplies at the direction of the HDOH. For health care professionals, rendering assistance in support of the State's response means providing health care services at a health care facility in response to the COVID-19 emergency or working under the direction of HIEMA or HDOH pursuant to the Emergency Proclamation. For health care volunteers, rendering assistance in support of the State's response means providing services, assistance, or support at a health care facility in response to the COVID-19 emergency or working under the direction of HIEMA or HDOH pursuant to the Emergency Proclamation.

3. Pursuant to sections 127A-9 and 127A-12(a)(5), HRS, I direct that during the pendency of the Emergency Proclamation, health care facilities, as defined in section 1 of this Executive Order, that in good faith comply completely with all state and federal orders regarding this emergency, shall be immune from civil liability for any death or injury to persons, or property damage alleged to have been caused by any act or omission by the health care facility, which death of or injury to persons, or property damage occurred as a result of the health care facility rendering assistance in support of the State's response to the COVID-19 emergency, unless it is established that such death or injury to persons, or property damage was caused by willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness of the health care facility.

4. Pursuant to sections 127A-9 and 127A-12(a)(5), HRS, I direct that during the pendency of the Emergency Proclamation, health care professionals, as defined in section 1 of this Executive Order, who in good faith comply completely with all state and federal orders regarding this emergency, shall be immune from civil liability for any death or injury to persons, or property damage alleged to have been caused by any act or omission by the health care professional, which death

of or injury to persons, or property damage occurred as a result of the health care professional rendering assistance in support of the State's response to the COVID-19 emergency, unless it is established that such death or injury to persons, or property damage was caused by willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness of the health care professional.

5. Pursuant to sections 127A-9 and 127A-12(a)(5), HRS, I direct that during the pendency of the Emergency Proclamation, health care volunteers, as defined in section 1 of this Executive Order, who in good faith comply completely with all state and federal orders regarding the emergency, shall be immune from civil liability for any death of or injury to persons, or property damage alleged to have been caused by any act or omission by the health care volunteer at a time when the health care volunteer was engaged in the course of rendering assistance to the State by providing services, assistance, or support in response to the COVID-19 emergency, unless it is established that such death of or injury to persons, or property damage was caused by the willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness of the health care volunteer.

6. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to preempt or limit any applicable immunity from civil liability available to any health care facility, health care professional, or health care volunteer, including, but not limited to, immunity pursuant to the Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19, dated March 17, 2020, as amended.

7. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are declared to be severable.

This order is in accordance with and incorporates by reference my Emergency Proclamation issued on August 5, 2021.

The provisions of this Executive Order shall remain in effect for the emergency period unless and until I take such other executive action that supersedes or terminates this Executive Order.

Done at the State Capitol this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021



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DAVID Y. IGE  
*Governor of Hawai'i*

APPROVED:



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