



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

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Aloha!

On behalf of the people of the State of Hawai'i, I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to you for considering our island state in your leisure or business travel plans. Despite global fears of the novel H1N1 Influenza A (also known as "swine flu"), Hawai'i's visitor experience has been unaffected and we remain a very safe destination.

Although this H1N1 flu is a new virus, all indications to date are that this infection is behaving like other seasonal influenza. So far, all confirmed cases in Hawai'i have recovered or are recovering at home with no complications. Our State Department of Health continues to investigate suspected illnesses as they are reported. We will continue to closely monitor the severity and spread of this H1N1 flu outbreak.

For years, Hawai'i has been preparing for situations such as this and we remain vigilant in monitoring the ongoing threat of H1N1 flu. We continue to encourage our visitors to stay informed on the subject, practice good health habits and not be afraid of travel to Hawai'i.

Once again, thank you for your support and love of Hawai'i and I look forward to welcoming you to our islands soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

c: Marsha Wienert, Tourism Liaison
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