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Guam Now a Trusted Travel Partner in State of Hawaii

The Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) has signed an agreement with the State of Hawai'i Department of Health designating Guam as a Trusted Testing and Travel Partner.

The agreement, entered into on November 20, 2020, establishes that travelers who obtain a negative COVID-19 test result from one of 13 Clinical Laboratories Improvement Amendments or CLIA certified testing locations on Guam will be allowed to bypass the State of Hawai'i's mandatory 14-day quarantine.

"Our testing machines and the Guam Public Health Laboratory have always been CLIA certified. We are pleased that Hawai'i recognized Guam as a trusted partner as we have always taken the necessary steps to be a certified and licensed through all the proper health-related channels," said DPHSS Director Art San Agustin. "This agreement between Guam and Hawaii was just a missing component for Guam travelers to be able to avail of a program that allows for a more convenient journey into Hawai'i. We have many residents who travel for medical reasons as well, and having the Trusted Testing and Travel Partner Agreement in place can help in making the process more comfortable for them."

The State of Hawai'i requires all travelers ages 5 and older to take the Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) from a CLIA lab and will only accept test results from a Trusted Testing and Travel Partner. Tests must be taken no more than 72 hours prior to the flight departure time.

CLIA certified labs on Guam must fill out in typewritten format the State of Hawai'i Safe Travels Program Trusted Testing Partner COVID-19 Test Result Reporting Form to report results. The form is attached.

Instructions for Travelers

All travelers must have a negative test result from a Trusted Testing and Travel Partner prior to departure. This means the traveler must upload their test result in PDF to an established account at travel.hawaii.gov prior to their flight departing into Hawaii. Alternatively, if the traveler is having difficulty uploading, they may print out a hard copy of the negative test result and bring it to Hawaii in hand for verification. A hard copy in hand is recommended. More detailed instructions are attached.

If your result returns positive before you travel, DO NOT TRAVEL. Self-isolate and wait for DPHSS to contact you for further instructions. If your result returns positive while en route to Hawai'i, immediately inform an airline or airport representative. You will be required to be in self-isolation until cleared by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

For more information about the State of Hawai'i's Safe Travels Program, contact 1-800-GOHAWAI (1-800-464-2924), or www.hawaiiicovid19.com.

You can also visit the DPHSS website at dphss.guam.gov/covid19.


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