

## HEALTH ADVISORY



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#### “COVID19 Suspected Case Sent for Testing in Hawaii”

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) would like to inform the general public that, after consultation with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the CHCC is submitting a specimen for COVID-19 testing to the laboratory in Hawaii. While the patient **does not** meet the full CDC case definition of a COVID-19 person under investigation (PUI), and is considered a suspect of low priority, the CHCC is taking a precautionary stance in order to protect the CNMI community.

**This does not mean that the CNMI has a confirmed case.** The CHCC will provide further updates on this situation as they become available.

The CHCC would also like to remind the public that best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other illnesses is to practice good basic health and hygiene:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information, please reach out to the CHCC Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP) surveillance unit at (670)234-8950.

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