



The Senate

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April 29, 2020

Dr. Edward Desmond, Administrator
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Dear Dr. Desmond:

At the April 28, 2020 meeting held by the Senate's Special Committee on COVID 19, following discussions on whether the Department of Health has communicated its standards, guidelines and procedures to the medical community, you were asked to provide the following information:

- The number of people in Hawaii that have been hospitalized due to COVID 19? **69 cases required hospitalization out of a total of 613 cases.**
- The number of available ICU beds in the state's inventory? **From JIC daily report, April 29. Note that not all of these are staffed beds.**

	HOSPITAL BEDS	ICU BEDS	VENTILATORS
TOTAL	2,773	244	459
IN-USE	1,451	101	63
PERCENTAGE	52%	41%	14%

- The Department of Health's guidelines and procedures on testing; **Federal regulations from FDA and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) require compliance with procedures on testing. State guidelines were published in Med Advisory #8, April 1.**
- The departments guidelines and procedures related to the responsibilities of individuals meeting the state's criteria for being tested for COVID 19; and **Don't know the answer to this. Healthcare Compliance Association might be asked to help:**
<https://www.hcca-info.org/sites/hcca-info.org/files/2019-03/scce-hcca-code-of-conduct.pdf>
- The list of entities and or people who have been provided with these guidelines and procedures. **All healthcare providers via Med Advisory #8, April 1. Also professional medical societies, healthcare systems, and chief medical officers.**

Additionally, please provide the Center for Disease Control's assessment of antibody tests and or products as soon as they have been completed and made public; **We hope something may be available during the week of May 4-8.**

The Committee requests your response by Thursday, April 30, 2020.

As for responses that you receive from the various parties listed in this memo, please provide this Committee with a copy of their responses, if any, as soon as they are received.

Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Dane Wicker at 586-6639 or via email at d.wicker@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,

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