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Aloha

I am a Covid contact tracer.
 I live in Honolulu. I'm in the hottest spot, Kalihi Valley.

I am emailing you because I am deeply concerned about the 1-Test Tourism Reopening Plan scheduled to start on October 15.

It is unsafe and will allow travelers with COVID to enter the state in large numbers when we can't even handle what we have right now. We truly can't.

I am sure that this is true based upon my Covid research, training, and interactions with positive cases.

Based upon the many positive Covid lab reports I have reviewed, I want to point out that most of the positives had taken more than one test.

Most often, the first test was negative.

The positive test was almost always more than 72 hours later. It can take over a week for some people to seroconvert (show up as positives).

Reopening will be a short-lived disaster.

Please cancel the 1-test plan and do not reopen Hawai'i until the Covid numbers

are way down, and you have a 2-test reopening plan or better in place.

Please look to New Zealand as a successful example of how to handle this pandemic.

Please keep us all safe.

Mahalo.

-C Smart