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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

In the Matter of the Judiciary’s Response
to the COVID-19 Outbreak

ORDER REGARDING ENTERING JUDICIARY FACILITIES
(By: Recktenwald, C.J.)

In mid-March 2020, when Governor David Ige declared a state of emergency in Hawai‘i in response to the public health threat posed by COVID-19, restrictions on entry to Judiciary facilities were implemented to ensure the safety of court users and Judiciary personnel, consistent with State and Federal guidelines. The Judiciary has updated its restrictions as guidelines evolve.

On August 10, 2020, in response to Governor Ige’s “Eleventh Proclamation Related to the COVID-19 Emergency Interisland Travel Quarantine”, which reinstated, in part, a mandatory 14-day quarantine for any person traveling interisland and arriving into the counties of Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i, Maui, and

Kalawao, additional restrictions on entry to Judiciary facilities for the Second, Third, and Fifth Circuits were implemented consistent with Governor Ige's mandate. Pursuant to Governor Ige's "Fourteenth Proclamation Related to the COVID-19 Emergency," dated October 13, 2020, the mandatory 14-day quarantine for any person traveling interisland and arriving into the counties of Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Maui, and Kalawao remains in effect, subject to certain exceptions, through November 30, 2020. Governor Ige, however, has announced the implementation of a pre-travel testing program for interisland travelers traveling into the Counties of Kaua'i and Maui. Under this program, effective October 15, 2020, any person traveling interisland into the Counties of Kaua'i and Maui who produces a negative COVID-19 test result from a State-approved laboratory within 72 hours of departure will not be subject to the mandatory 14-day quarantine.

The "Fourteenth Proclamation Related to the COVID-19 Emergency" also addresses the negative test exception to the mandatory 14-day quarantine for all travelers entering the State effective October 15, 2020. Under the negative test exception, any traveler five years old and older who, upon entering the State, provides written confirmation from a State-approved Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments certified laboratory of a negative test result from a Nucleic Acid Amplification test

administered to the traveler within 72 hours from the final leg of departure, will not be subject to the mandatory 14-day quarantine. Each County may adopt or reject a negative test exception, and is authorized to implement post-arrival supplemental testing.

Currently, the negative test exception will be implemented for all travelers entering each County from out-of-state. The County of Hawai'i, however, will implement a two-test plan for trans-Pacific travelers as set forth in Mayor Harry Kim's "Amendment to Mayor's COVID-19 Emergency Rule No. 12" dated October 12, 2020. The Counties of Kaua'i and Maui will implement voluntary post-arrival testing programs. Honolulu County is exploring the feasibility of implementing a second test process.

In light of these changes, the restrictions on entry to Judiciary facilities must be revised consistent with Governor Ige's mandate and the interisland and pre-travel quarantine requirements currently in place in the respective Counties. Therefore, pursuant to article VI, sections 6 and 7 of the Hawai'i Constitution and Hawai'i Revised Statutes §§ 601-1.5 and 601-2,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following provisions are effective as of October 15, 2020:

1. The September 28, 2020 Order Regarding Judiciary Operations remains in effect except as amended herein.

2. No one shall enter Judiciary facilities in the **First Circuit** if they:

- Have a fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or other symptoms of respiratory illness.
- Have had close prolonged contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19.
- Have traveled outside of Hawai'i in the past 14 days and have not satisfied the negative test exception to the mandatory 14-day quarantine and any subsequent testing requirements set forth by the City and County of Honolulu.

3. No one shall enter Judiciary facilities in the **Second and Fifth Circuits** if they:

- Have a fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or other symptoms of respiratory illness.
- Have had close prolonged contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19.
- Have traveled interisland and 14 days has not passed since such travel, except if the person provides written confirmation that complies with the negative test exception to the mandatory 14-day quarantine.
- Have traveled outside of Hawai'i in the past 14 days and have not satisfied the negative test exception to the mandatory 14-day quarantine and any subsequent testing requirements set forth by the County within the respective circuit.

4. No one shall enter Judiciary facilities in the **Third Circuit** if they:

- Have a fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or other symptoms of respiratory illness.
- Have had close prolonged contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19.
- Have traveled interisland and 14 days has not passed since such travel.
- Have traveled outside of Hawai'i in the past 14 days and have not satisfied the negative test exception to the mandatory 14-day quarantine and the post-arrival test requirements as set forth by the County of Hawai'i.

5. The emergency orders previously issued by the chief judge of each circuit shall remain in effect, but may be modified by the chief judge of said circuit consistent with this order.

6. This order may be modified as necessary.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai'i, October 14, 2020.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

Chief Justice

