Safe Access Oahu Business Information

The “Safe Access O‘ahu” program requires all employees, contractors, and volunteers of businesses, such as restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters, museums, arcades and other similar establishments, to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test result each week in order to operate. In addition, customers must show proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result taken within the previous 48 hours in order to enter the establishment. Children under 12 years old are exempt.

How do I check someone’s vaccination status?

Check to see if the customers/patrons have:
- Hard copy of vaccination card that shows they have completed a vaccination regimen
- Photo of vaccination card
- Safe Travels Hawaii or SMART Health Card application showing proof of vaccination

Please check an ID to make sure the vaccine card matches the ID.

Scan the QR code for examples of acceptable proof of vaccination.

Are there exemptions?

Yes:
- Proof of negative FDA EUA approved COVID-19 test (weekly for employees, within 48 hours for patrons)
- Children under 12 years old
- Individuals remaining in your establishment for 15 minutes or less

What if someone doesn’t have proof of vaccination or testing?

Those without proof of vaccination or an acceptable exemption should be turned away from entering your business.

What if someone refuses to cooperate?

Establishments can ask the person to leave and contact the Honolulu Police Department at (808) 529-3111 if they refuse.

Are there penalties for non-compliance?

As of September 13, 2021, an establishment found to be noncompliant may be subject to a fine of not more than $5000 or one year in prison or both. Additionally, establishments with liquor licenses could be subject to closure.

What if my employer refuses to comply?

Employees can contact the Honolulu Police Department at (808) 529-3111.

For restaurants or bars, employees can call the Honolulu Liquor Commission at (808)768-7363.

Where can I find more information and documents?

oneoahu.org/safe-access-oahu

Visit oneoahu.org/safe-access-oahu to learn more and find out where to and your employees can get a free and safe COVID-19 vaccine or test near you.