From: Hawai`i Healthcare Provider Community

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Maui and Oahu, March 21st, 2020

We predict approximately 1,000-3,000 Covid-19 cases in Hawaii by March 31st, unless severe measures are implemented today. We are already experiencing a shortage in medical supplies in the state of Hawai`i. We will be critically short on patient ventilators as soon as the virus continues to spread. **We implore you to issue a shelter-in-place order effective immediately and involve us, Hawai`i physician experts, in decision making.**

As members of the healthcare community in Hawai`i, we feel that our concerns have been disregarded. It appears the officials elect to not interact with our professional community to listen to our recommendations. But when it comes to severe municipal transmission and a potential surge of COVID-19 cases, you will ask us to work overtime without proper PPE and put our own lives and the lives of our beloved family members at risk. We urgently ask you to listen to us and implement immediate measures to address this crisis. Everything we do now will have an impact on the course of the disease and could help to save many lives.
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