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Beginning Nov. 1, we want to invite and encourage fully vaccinated visitors and residents to travel for business or leisure — transpacific and interisland.

On Aug. 23, during a then-alarming surge of COVID-19 cases that state officials feared would “cripple” Hawaii’s healthcare system, Ige urged vacationers to [postpone trips to the Islands](#) through the end of October, saying: “Now is not a good time to travel to Hawaii.”

That statement was criticized by many in the Aloha State’s visitor business, including Mufi Hannemann, president and CEO of the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association, who said an extremely low number of cases had been tied to tourists, and Ige’s comments might discourage responsible travelers from visiting but wouldn’t “stop the extractive, opportunistic tourists that we are looking to avoid.”



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