

Today August 7, 2020 it was announced that beaches on Oahu will be closed starting tomorrow due to the highly contagious wildfire-spread of Covid-19 in recent weeks. The 300+ of you receiving this message will recall our petition in July (see link below) urging a 6-month closure of Laniakea's Turtle Beach to lessen the spread of Covid-19 from people packing in there to see the turtles.

<https://www.change.org/p/state-of-hawaii-prepping-for-tourism-re-opening-and-covid-19-at-laniakea-beach>

Our petition has received over 1000 signatures to date. Sixty-one of those signing chose to leave comments so we felt it informative to share those with you. The comments are attached to this message as a pdf. The closure of all Oahu beaches announced today provides for the exception of access to the ocean- an important element for those that obtain sustenance from the sea, especially Hawaiian cultural practitioners, and other ocean users such as surfers, swimmers, etc. Please see the link below to today's Civil Beat article about the closure efforts to contain the spread of this disease.

We applaud the closure to human use of Laniakea's Turtle Beach. The turtles will be fine on their own for a change. And we encourage all parties with interests in and responsibilities for Laniakea to speak up in endorsement of this positive move.

Please note that our Petition is still open for signatures (click on the link above).

Respectfully,
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and
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https://www.civilbeat.org/2020/08/the-interisland-travel-quarantine-is-coming-back-oahu-beaches-and-parks-to-close-again/?utm_source=Civil+Beat+Master+List&utm_campaign=65b192a918-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_08_06_09_22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_51c2dd3cf3-65b192a918-401958846&mc_cid=65b192a918&mc_eid=9d5d3fe013