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CAPT GUENTHER

Hello, everyone, and welcome to the daily water update for December 29th. I'm Captain Darren Guenther, Chief of Staff for Navy Region, Hawaii. I hope you and your families continue to stay safe and remain healthy. COVID cases are high in our state, and we know that many of you are displaced from your homes or in your homes having to make changes. Please know that we are thinking of you during this time. We are making some progress and you'll see changes on our map daily, but we understand that this progress seems slow when you're impacted as you all are. In a few minutes, I'll have miss Jayme Alexander from the Airman and Family Readiness Center, to speak about resiliency and dealing with some of these significant challenges, all during the holidays and we'll also have Builder Third Class Lucascamara, a Honokaa big island born Hawaii Sailor, who's back in his home state, helping us through these difficult times. Don't forget to check out our water info website. It's at Navy.mil/JointBaseWater and make sure to check out the good stuff at GreatLifeHawaii.com/Wegotyou. So, thank you for joining me.

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CAPT GUENTHER

And now onto the daily water update. This chart, this map is posted on our water update page, Navy.Mil/JointBaseWater and I'd like to ask you after the update to go ahead and pull it up and take a look at some of the changes depicted, in particular I'd like to draw your attention to the table on the right. When you bring it up, you're going to see a number of dates depicted in green and red. Those indicate changes to the schedule that we've made. Green changes indicate a move to the left, red indicates a move to the right. So, we've taken sort of what we've learned in our plan to date and we've applied that looking out to try and give you the best representation of what to expect within your neighborhood coming up. So please take a look at that and those changes on the schedule and the table to the right. Now, let's go neighborhood by neighborhood. The first one is Pearl City Peninsula, so this morning we received the final test results from the lab. The samples that we took from the system water that lab tested those samples and the Interagency Drinking Water Group met this morning to validate those samples. That group is comprised of navy experts, as well as Department of Health and Environmental Protection Agency water experts and chemists.

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CAPT GUENTHER

They just, about 20 minutes ago certified those results, which gives us the ability to move into the home flush phase. So, as we speak, you should see our home flushing teams approaching the homes in Pearl City Peninsula to begin that home flush process at Pearl City Peninsula. Now let's move on over to the right of the map. Aliamanu neighborhood, Red Hill neighborhood, as well as Hale Moku and Hokulani are all complete with their system flush, and all results are at the lab on the mainland. So, they're all in a situation where we're waiting for that lab to test the samples from the system water there before proceeding on to that next phase, which for all of those



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communities is the home flush, which is coming up. All right Moanalua Terrace, that's our NEX area, again our largest flush site. They are up to 40% complete and so that is tracking on schedule, as we expect. For Onizuka Village, Hale Na Koa and Officer Field portion of Hickam, they are tracking through 80% complete with the system water flush and we expect that to be complete by tomorrow. Going up to Ford Island as we speak, we are at 50% complete with the flush at Ford Island. We are expecting the complete Ford Island system flush by the 31st, which is Friday, although I think there's a chance, we may be able to finish that off by the end of tomorrow, the 30th. All right, our big carbon filters, you will see some movement of the big carbon filters to our next two system flush sites. That is Earhart Village and Iroquois Point Housing. Iroquois Point is one of those neighborhoods which changed dates, so they are both Iroquois Point and Earhart scheduled to start their system flush on the 31st, that's Friday. That means you're going to see in those neighborhoods the big carbon filters moving in. You've probably already seen some in place and the rest will be moving in over the next day and a half in order to start that system flush on Friday, the 31st. So that's our map update for today. Now I'd like to go through some of the letters that were sent. First letter, late yesterday was sent to the residents at Pearl City Peninsula and I want to highlight that because it does have some information in it which breaks out Pearl City Peninsula into two separate days by street. I think you'll be interested to see that you can take a look if you're in Pearl City Peninsula at what street you're on and tell if you're in sort of the first half or the second half.

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CAPT GUENTHER

Again, today's flushing will be a half a day, so we'll see that probably stretch into Friday, but you'll be able to tell if your first half or second half there. Also, letters were sent to Earhart Village. We talked about the flush that will begin on Friday and again the recommendation not to wash whites during those system flushes. Also, letters were sent to the residents of Doris Miller, Catlin Park, Halsey Terrace, Radford Terrace, and Camp Smith, talking about Saturday, January, the first system flush will begin in those neighborhoods. Also, letters were sent out to the residents in Hokulani and Hale Moku about the completion of their system flush and moving on to the home flush, which is scheduled tentatively for January the fifth after the New Year. Those are the letters that were sent out, and so please take a look in your emails for those letters, you should be able to pick them up there, OK.

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CAPT GUENTHER

Now I'd like to bring on my first guest. I'd like to welcome Miss Jayme Alexander from the Airman and Family Readiness Center on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. Thank you for coming.



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MS. JAYME ALEXANDER

Absolutely It's an honor.

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CAPT GUENTHER

Tell us about your role there.

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MS. JAYME ALEXANDER

So as the flight chief of the Airman and Family Readiness Center. My role is to oversee some Air Force specific programs that we have as MFSC, the Military Family Support Center has the other traditional programs. However, with that, we also have other proponents that are open to all of those with base access and that's really what I wanted to focus on is the food pantry and the financial support that we've been offering through these difficult times.

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CAPT GUENTHER

Fantastic, so you've seen a lot of activity, you've seen all this activity going on throughout this time, and the opportunities that, you know, people have to serve and organizations like yours have to serve our community. Can you tell us a little about that?

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MS. JAYME ALEXANDER

Absolutely. We've seen members from across all branches as well as other departments. We have civilians, we have retirees who are impacted by this and our services with the food pantry are open to all of them. We don't ask where they live, It's really an integrity system. If people are in need, we want to meet that need and we've had the food pantry since 2019, so even prior to COVID, but during this time, it's really shown its level of importance.

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CAPT GUENTHER

Absolutely. So, with your experience, what advice do you have for people, you know, going through these hard times?

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MS. JAYME ALEXANDER

Number one, to validate. Everyone's going through their own individual experience, and no two experiences look the same way. So, it's really being heard, and what we're seeing from our side is how we can help and it's more than just food. It's more than just hygiene products. It's offering volunteer opportunities for people who want to volunteer, we have those as well, those are



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available throughout the community and its neighbor helping neighbor. And that is where, regardless of what branch or what department or who is impacted that we're seeing, is the community really coming together and that level of support, to really be there for each other. Food, hygiene products, grants, ongoing financial support through the different aid societies, terms of the 0% interest loans. And those are available to retirees as well. It is really coming together as a community to focus on what we can do for each other, especially with the new year coming upon us.

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CAPT GUENTHER

Well, thank you for serving our community. Thank you for serving our military community, but our greater community as well. I know you're a Kailua High School grad, we'd love to have you back.

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MS. JAYME ALEXANDER

Absolutely. Thank you. And people can definitely reach out to our office and the phone number is listed on this screen, I believe and if they have any other questions for us, and thank you. I appreciate it.

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CAPT GUENTHER

I'm grateful to have another guest, the second guest today. It's builder third class Dalton Lucascamara. He hails from Honokaa, Hawaii, Big Island, and is now part of the Navy's Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 303, based in San Diego.

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CAPT GUENTHER

Welcome, tell us about when you arrived and what you've been doing since you arrived on Oahu.

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BU3 LUCASCAMARA

Yeah, so Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 303, stationed out in San Diego. We arrived on 20 December and since then we have been, you know, watching the GACS.

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CAPT GUENTHER

The carbon filters?

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Yes, and we're actually in the process of moving into the home flushing as well right now.



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CAPT GUENTHER

Now you're from the Big Island, do you still have family there?

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BU3 LUCASCAMARA

Yes, sir.

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CAPT GUENTHER

And tell us why you joined the Navy from the Big Island.

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BU3 LUCASCAMARA

So, I joined the Navy because my, you know, my grandfather was navy, my uncle was a Navy Seabee as well, and my great grandfather was an army veteran. So, you know, it's nice to carry on the torch and take that responsibility and, you know, I'm just super happy where I'm at.

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CAPT GUENTHER

So, what does it mean to you to come back home or at least to Oahu and do this kind of work?

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BU3 LUCASCAMARA

It's, you know, growing up from Hawaii, you know, everybody, you know, we always help each other out. That's the main thing. Somebody needs help, we'll, you know, help them out, and, you know, with what is going on, I'm very proud to be here and, you know, support all the, you know, be a part of the solution to what's going on and move everybody back into their homes.

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CAPT GUENTHER

Well, you're making a big difference and you know, on behalf of all of us, thank you for your volunteerism and coming here to help us through this and we thank you for serving our community, our military community, but also our whole community. So, thank you for that.

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BU3 LUCASCAMARA

Thank you, sir.



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Well, that was your daily update for today. Please come back tomorrow, same time. We're monitoring your questions on Facebook, and you can also email those questions to CNRHPAO@Gmail.com. Remember, we're all in this together as one community and ohana. Stay safe, take care of yourself, take care of each other, and we'll see you next time.