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THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER-PUNCHBOWL CLOSES COVID-19 TRIAGE TENT OPERATIONS

*COVID-19 screening operations moved to adjacent facility outside
Emergency Department*

HONOLULU – The Queen's Medical Center has begun the process of taking down its triage tent located in the ambulance bay of its Punchbowl hospital. COVID-19 screening operations have been relocated to an adjacent building outside the Emergency Department. The new area, which consists of eight individual screening stations, will serve the same purpose as the tent during this period of lower patient volume. The tent will be reopened if there is a large increase in patients.

The Queen's Health Systems has been carefully monitoring system-wide COVID-19 data and has seen a steady decline in the number of people, both inpatient and outpatient, tested per week based on testing guidelines (approximately 400 people tested the week of April 19, down from a peak of more than 1,100 people tested the week of March 15). The percent-positive rate for COVID-19 has also declined as the weeks have progressed (2.1% for the week of April 19, down from a peak of 4.9% the week of March 29).

Since the tent was put up on March 12, more than 1,000 patients have been screened inside the tent.

The COVID-19 triage tent at The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu will remain up and operational.

The Queen's COVID-19 Infoline (808-691-2619) remains operational 24/7. Callers can speak with a Registered Nurse to get their questions answered, as well as inquire about services offered for current and new patients, including telehealth and non-emergency surgeries.

The latest information is also posted on our website, www.queens.org/covid19

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The Queen's Medical Center (Queen's), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, is an acute care medical facility accredited by The Joint Commission. The facility is licensed for 575 acute beds and serves as the major tertiary and quaternary referral center for cancer, cardiovascular disease, neuroscience, orthopaedics, surgery, emergency medicine and behavioral health medicine. It is the state's designated trauma center verified as Level I by the American College of Surgeons. It has the only organ transplantation program in Hawaii. Queen's is a major teaching hospital, serving as a



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clinical training site for the residency programs sponsored by the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Queen's is the only hospital in Hawaii to achieve Magnet® status – the highest institutional honor for hospital excellence – from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.