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U.S. SURGEON GENERAL JEROME ADAMS VISITS COVID UNITS AT THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER

HONOLULU – VADM Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH, Surgeon General of the United States, spent an hour and a half at The Queen's Medical Center (Queen's) today, visiting frontline staff providing care for patients with COVID-19.

Dr. Adams was accompanied by Hawaii Lt. Gov. Josh Green, The Queen's Health Systems President and CEO Jill Hoggard Green, and The Queen's Medical Center President Jason Chang. The group visited the Emergency Department, the Medical Intensive Care Unit, and the staff of Queen Emma Tower 9 Diamond Head, three of the areas in the hospital currently caring for COVID patients.

Dr. Adams expressed his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the physicians, nurses and other vital caregivers, and took time to answer questions.

Queen's is currently operating at 90% capacity and is urging the community to follow safety guidelines to stop the surge of COVID cases.

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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 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.