

8/26/20 Community Town Hall Questions

Topic: Kula Hospital

- Are there any COVID cases at Kula Hospital? Will Kula Hospital be used for COVID patients?
- Will COVID positive patients be transferred to Kula hospital?
- What is the status of Kula hospital? Will Kula Hospital be expected to hold COVID patients?
- What emergency services is Kula Hospital able to provide, as an alternative to MMMC Wailuku?
- How will you utilize Kula Hospital?

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There are currently ZERO COVID positive patients at Kula Hospital. There is no plan to move COVID positive patients to Kula Hospital. We're not sure where or how this rumor started but it is a good example of how an unsubstantiated claim shared on social media can quickly and dangerously go viral and cause panic. We urge our employees and the community to send questions and concerns to Maui Health for official comment and response via our website at mauihealth.org/contact or our CARE hotline at 242-2273. Thank you for your help!

Kula Hospital is a critical access hospital offering limited urgent and rural emergency care for Maui's upcountry population, and provides quality, compassion care to our long-term care residents, some who have been in our loving care for decades. Kula Hospital ER physicians and staff provide high quality urgent care medical services like wound care, x-rays, splints and casts, but services are limited and any acute medical needs like heart attack or stroke symptoms or emergency trauma injuries should be seen at MMMC. Additionally, Kula Hospital is taking every precaution possible to protect our high-risk long-term care community, including a strict no-visitor policy which means that patients/residents are not allowed visitors, unless in pre-approved, limited circumstances. For ER patients, this means that only the patient is allowed in the facility. For more information about new protocols in place to protect our patients, residents, employees and providers, please visit mauihealth.org/safe.