

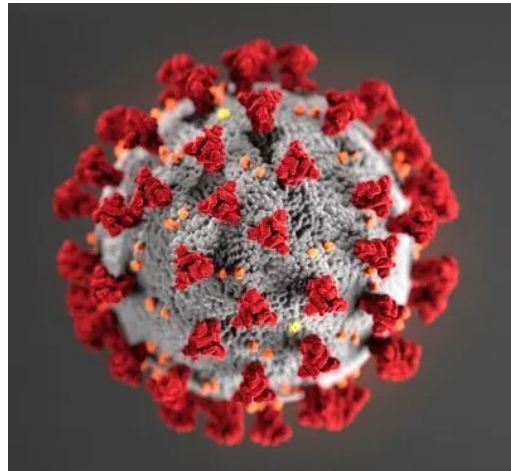
Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers & Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to change we encourage everyone to do their part in planning, preparing, & responding to this public health threat. The University of Hawaii will be following the Centers for Disease Control recommendations for social distancing and for avoiding large gatherings.

**CTAHR Cooperative Extension events will be postponed until further notice.
Cancelled extension events & workshops include, but not limited to:**



Hawaii Island:

- Cacao Grafting Workshop - Kona (3/25/20)
- Hawaii Chocolate & Cacao Association Conference - Hilo (3/27-29/20)
- Coffee Berry Borer Conference - Kona (4/4/20)
- CBB IPM & Research Update Workshop - Molokai (3/24/20), Ka'u (4/13/20) & Hilo (4/14/20)

O'ahu:

- FMC Exirel & Bayer Velum Workshop (3/26/20)
- Micropropagation Workshop with HARC (3/28/20)
- Train the Trainer Event (4/29/20)

Maui

- Cacao Grafting Workshop - Maui (4/1/20)

We will continue to keep you updated with our HawaiiCoffeeEd website and emails

The following information comes from the CDC:

Watch for symptoms

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases.

The following symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure***

- Fever

- Cough
- Shortness of breath

**This is based on what has been seen previously as the incubation period of MERS-CoV viruses.*

How to Protect Yourself

Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.

Know How it Spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly inhaled into the lungs.

Take steps to protect yourself

- Clean your hands often
 - **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
 - **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact
 - **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick
 - Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Take steps to protect others

- Stay home if you're sick
 - **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick (<https://bit.ly/2Wxfl03>)
- Cover coughs and sneezes
 - **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
 - **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
 - Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.
- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.
- Clean and disinfect
 - **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily** (<https://bit.ly/2xOR1w7>). This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
 - **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
 - **To disinfect:** Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.

UH CTahr Cooperative Extension Offices was closed on the following days:

Thursday, March 26th, in observance of Prince Kuhio Day

Visit <https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/events-and-announcements> for additional information on the following events, announcements and more.

Stay updated:

UH Cooperative Extension services may be limited as a result of the current situation. Please call the main office (808-322-4892) to determine if ADSC samples and other services are available BEFORE arriving to the Cooperative Extension. Attempts are being made to provide services from a distance and via Zoom.

Andrea is currently on vacation and will likely need to self-quarantine for two weeks upon her return. If so, this means that she will be working from home and will not have any office hours. Please email her at andreak@hawaii.edu after March 22nd if you have farm problems. Phone calls, emails and Zoom will be used for communications.

Update from Hawaii County Cooperative Extension

It has just been announced that the 10 UH campuses are closed, effective immediately, to everyone except current students and employees. Hawaii county cooperative extension offices and research stations will be closed to the public. ADSC is closed for the time being so no new samples will be accepted, we will let you know when the lab is up and running. Extension faculty can do farm visits if necessary, while adhering to the CDC's guidelines (6' of separation).

Additional questions can be directed to your nearest extension office.

- Hilo – Komohana Research and Extension Center – (808)969-8201
- Kamuela – Kamuela Extension Office – (808)887-6183

- Kona – Kona Extension Office – (808)322-4892
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Only Five Days Left - 2020 Cacao Survey

There are only five days left to participate in the 2020 Hawaii Cacao Survey. The survey will close at midnight on Monday, March 16.

To complete the survey visit <https://bit.ly/3aafLgz>

EPA - Registration Review: Draft Human Health and/or Ecological Risk Assessments for Several Pesticides: Famoxadone, Propargite, Telone (1-3D), Due April 6

The EPA is accepting comments on the following pesticides in regard to Human Health and/or Ecological Risk:

- **Carboxin/Oxycarboxin**
- **Famoxadone** - <https://bit.ly/3b6Wr46>
- **Fenpropimorph**
- **Irgarol**
- **Napthalene Acetic Acid and its Salts, Ester, and Acetamide**
- **Propargite** - <https://bit.ly/2U4TBa6>
- **Telon (1,3-D)** - <https://bit.ly/2J6ccw1>
- **Triallate**
- **Triticonazole**

Questions or comments? Contact Natalie at ferris3@hawaii.edu

EPA - Pesticide Registration Review: Proposed Interim Decisions for Several Neonicotinoid Pesticides

The EPA is conducting registration reviews with the newly published EPA Proposed Interim Decisions (PIDs) for the following pesticides:

- **Acetamiprid** (e.g., Intruder, Assail) - <https://bit.ly/39e7Z4I>
- **Clothianidin** (e.g., Belay) - <https://bit.ly/2wrz7PF>
- **Dinotefuran** (e.g., Venom) - <https://bit.ly/2U8xYWA>
- **Imidacloprid** (e.g., Admire, Alias) - <https://bit.ly/2J7PTGc>
- **Thiamethoxam** (e.g., Endigo, Acara) - <https://bit.ly/3beqCGr>

Please take the time to go over some of these proposed changes, your thoughts and opinions are important and will aid in the decision making of these products.

Please email Natalie at ferris3@hawaii.edu if you have any questions.

WHIP for coffee farmers crop loss due to 2018 vog

WHIP+ for 2018 has no deadline as of yet, so coffee farmers should apply as soon as possible. If the farmers have commercial insurance we will be able to retrieve the data needed to support the application. If the farmer didn't have NAP2018 or Commercial Crop Insurance, they will have to provide documentation to prove their losses and acreage. As far as crop insurance requirements, those who receive WHIP+ payments, if they continue to farm coffee, will be required to sign up for commercial insurance for the following 2 years.

Our county is eligible for the following:

- 2018 - Volcanic eruption, Hurricane Lane
 - 2019 - Drought
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