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Major General Kenneth S. Hara
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Dear General Hara:

On July 29, 2020 Dr. Sarah Y. Park, the State of Hawai'i Epidemiologist, sent a letter (see attached) to the Senate Special Committee on COVID-19 regarding Contact Tracing. In Dr. Parks letter she responded to a question from the committee regarding a full accounting of all active full time, part time and reserve contact tracers available to the Department of Health's (DOH) / Disease Outbreak Control Division (DOCD).

Dr. Park stated: "The State has 77 active contact tracers. This number includes eight tracers from the University of Hawai'i/DOH collaboration who are currently volunteering via Medical Reserve Corps. This number does not include the persons conducting contact tracing for the Department of Defense (DOD) or the various medical institutions, namely the hospitals. DOH collaborates closely with both the DOD and hospitals in their contact tracing efforts. Also, DOH has the potential to increase the number of contact tracers from within the department to 196".

Can you please provide answers to the following questions:

1. Confirm that the Hawai'i National Guard is currently conducting contact tracing and if so, how many Hawai'i National Guardsmen are trained and conducting contact tracing throughout the State of Hawai'i.
2. Confirm that the DOH closely collaborates with the Hawai'i National Guard regarding contact tracing and in what capacity that collaboration has occurred and when that has occurred since the Hawai'i National Guard Joint Task Force on COVID-19 was established in early April 2020.
3. What are the procedures, protocols and training required for a member of the Hawai'i National Guard to properly assist the tracking and tracing of potentially infected COVID-19 individuals within the State of Hawai'i while still protecting that individual's identity, privacy and medical information.

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4. If the Hawai'i National Guard is not conducting active contact tracing, what DOD organizations, units or commands in the State of Hawai'i is Dr. Park referring to.
5. What would be your recommendations to the committee to quickly establish, scale up and operationalize a robust contact tracing center within the State of Hawai'i to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

We would appreciate a response by Tuesday, August 4, 10:00 a.m. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Senate Special Committee on COVID-19
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Senator Sharon Moriwaki
Senator Kurt Fevella

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Colonel Stephen F. Logan, Deputy Adjutant General