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Lifting the Mask Mandate

Hawaii's mask mandate (the last in the nation) will be lifted on March 26. The Health Department cited the decreasing case counts and hospitalizations when making the announcement. Healthcare professionals recommend the wearing of masks in certain settings and individual businesses may establish their own protocols in the days ahead.

On March 26, Hawaii's safe travel requirements also comes to an end.



Pentagon Agrees to Defuel Red Hill



After denials and threats of a lawsuit, last Monday the Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin, announced that the Navy will defuel and permanent close its 20 Red Hill storage tanks. "The Navy has finally raised the white flag and decide to pull back its platoon of attorneys to fight the Department of Health's mandate," says Sen. Wakai, "It's a small victory in our efforts to protect our water."

It is not clear on how long the defueling will take. US Senator Brian Schatz has secured \$150 million to pay for the transfer of fuel.

United We Stand

Hawaii's legislature united in support of a resolution condemning Russia's aggression against Ukraine and its people. The measure calls for an immediate cease fire and withdrawal, urges all state agencies to cease any contracting with Russia or Belarus, and asks that any Hawaii sister city relationships with cities in these countries be terminated.

