



ISLAND OF HAWAII VOLCANO UPDATE  
OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON CURRENT SITUATION

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As news of volcanic activity taking place in a remote area on the island of Hawaii's east side continues to make headlines around the world, it is important that travelers headed to the island understand that "there is absolutely no reason at this time to change or alter their leisure or business plans," according to Ross Birch, executive director of the Island of Hawaii Visitors Bureau.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- There is absolutely no reason at this time for travelers to change or alter their leisure or business plans.
- All of the Hawaiian Islands are unaffected by Kilauea volcano except a remote area on the island of Hawaii's east side. Out of the island's 4,028 square miles, only less than a 10-square-mile area of Leilani Estates and Lanipuna Gardens Subdivisions in Puna is affected.
- Air Access: All flights into Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport at Keahole - KOA (west) and Hilo International Airport - ITO (east) are operating normally.
- Accommodations and Activities: All accommodations, activities and attractions on the island are also operating normally, with the exception of those in the area affected by the lava activity.
- Air Quality: Air quality on the island of Hawaii remains largely unchanged with this situation. However, air quality near where the lava is flowing can be hazardous (SO<sub>2</sub>-sulfur dioxide), and officials are continuing to monitor air quality.

For the full statement of the current situation and where ongoing updates will be posted, click [here](#).

