

Dear PIs and cruise participants

We are about 3 months out from the cruise and things are coming together. I have received cruise plans from many (but not all) of you. If you have not done so please send me a rough cruise plan so I can continue to draft a schedule of activities that we can collectively fine-tune. The sooner I receive these plans the better. If additional calls are needed to coordinate research plans we're happy to set those up as well. There are several planning documents already on the website for your reference: <http://scope.soest.hawaii.edu/data/scope2021/>

Now on to developing logistics. At present I have a pandemic response plan that I will present to UNOLS sometime next week. I am at the mercy of their scheduling. Some details we know now

- All participants will coordinate and pay for their own airfare/baggage fees/per diem while traveling; those funds should have been budgeted in PI grants.
- SCOPE in coordination with the UHMC (Georgia Tanaka will be the contact) will cover lodging and meal costs while in pre-cruise quarantine. We presently have a block of rooms at the <https://www.ilikaihotel.com/> reserved. Individuals will be in single rooms. Per diem (meals) will be covered by SCOPE during quarantine.
- As part of the plan we will present to UNOLS we will ask that a “bubble” be setup at the UHMC that would allow cruise-participants to go back and forth from the hotel to prepare instrumentation, reagents, and other gear for the cruise. The general hope is that we can access the UHMC during the quarantine period. We will use the SCOPE van for transportation.
- Hopefully, this is not confusing. At present, in order to enter Hawaii and not go through quarantine, you will need a negative covid test from a “trusted partner” (<https://hawaii-covid19.com/travel-partners/>). IF we do get access to the UHMC, the state would consider going back and forth from the hotel violation of quarantine. They require you download an app and check in daily and they do spot checks of hotels. What this means is that if nothing changes with Hawaii's travel policy, you will want to get a negative covid test before entering the state, even though you will be in quasi-quarantine. The state is considering waiving testing requirements for those that are vaccinated (<https://www.hawaii-guide.com/hawaii-vaccine-health-passport>). I do not know if this will be in place prior to our cruise but it is possible. I will keep you posted but just wanted everyone to know where we stand on testing/vaccines and entry to Hawaii at present.
- Hawaii currently requires you set up an account here prior to travel: <https://travel.hawaii.gov/#/>
You will create a username and password. This is where you will upload negative covid test results (if needed). The confirmed negative COVID-19 test has to be taken within 72 hours of departure. 24 hours prior to travel you will take a health questionnaire on this

site and then you'll get a QR code which they will scan upon arrival. It sounds complicated but it's pretty straightforward. And again, things may change.

- Georgia Tanaka will be contacting all visiting scientist with a request to fill out a few documents (WH-1, etc). Look out for that email.

If there are any questions, concerns or needs, let us know. We're all excited to sail on PARAGON in July!