

SARS-Coronavirus-2 UHDSP Manoa Dive Locker Policies and Procedures

Due to exposure risks presented by the SARS-Coronavirus-2 (SARS2) Pandemic the UH-Manoa dive locker is implementing the following policies and procedures for all users until further notice. These standards are intended to help ensure dive locker staff and users remain healthy and safe during these uncertain times. As more information and supplies become available, changes will be made to the Exposure Control Guidelines and Contaminations Protocols, but the policies set forth on this page will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Policies and guidelines specific to the DSP Manoa dive locker are in addition to any separate recommendations by: Federal, State, and County Government Proclamations; University campus-wide policy, guidance, and recommendations; and UHDSP Covid-19 guidelines ([UHDSP Website](#)).

All dive locker services are available by appointment only. Priority will be given to currently active UH divers with active or pending University dive plans.

For equipment inspections and equipment checkout please use the forms below. Allow two business days for confirmation of equipment availability and scheduled pickup/dropoff times.

[UH-Manoa Equipment Inspection Form](#)

[UH-Manoa Dive Equipment Reservation Form](#)

Services for non-urgent business (i.e., without pending dive plan, projects +30 days out, inactive divers) will be prioritized according to the following hierarchy: DSP Facilities and UH Departments; Faculty/Staff; Graduate Students; Undergraduate Students; and Volunteers.

Requests by Inactive UH-Divers. Divers in Inactive status (i.e., medical expired or no logged dives in the past twelve months) who are working towards a return to good standing must submit lead diver and project information when making service requests to the dive locker. Omission of these details will result in delays and or denial of dive locker services. For divers significantly in arrears, this may include a requirement to submit a UH Scientific Diver Renewal Application, updating your standing with the University of Hawaii before any dive locker services are made available.

As always, if you as a dive locker user believe a DSP procedure is unsafe or can be improved, PLEASE inform DSP Staff so we can rectify the issue.

UH-Manoa DSP Dive Locker SARS-2 Exposure Control Guidelines.

UH Diving Safety Program cannot guarantee that the dive locker will be virus free. Please err on the side of caution and assume that DSP Staff or other users may be infectious and asymptomatic.

- **UH Divers Only.** Please do not bring family, friends, or any non-affiliated UH Diver to the dive locker. It is your responsibility as a dive locker user to promptly and efficiently utilize the dive locker services. If you cannot make the time to do this, please seek services elsewhere.
- **Masks covering the mouth and nose are required to be worn by all visitors.** Areas where masks should be worn include: inside the dive locker, on the DSP deck, or any diving operational support activities at the dive locker.
- **Physical distancing must be practiced both inside the dive locker and on the DSP deck.** The deck will be marked to show six-foot intervals in high traffic areas. If it is windy in the valley, be cognizant of positioning as six feet of distancing might not be adequate.
- **All personnel must wash or sanitize their hands when entering the dive locker.**
- **No more than two individuals should work in any section of the dive locker at one time, unless specifically approved by the Diving Logistics Specialist.** If the presence of more than two individuals is required, the activity should be moved outside.
- **Equipment inspections and repairs will only be done by approved DSP staff.** Personal equipment owned by UH divers will be tested individually, and the workstation and testing equipment will be cleaned in between inspections.
- **Cylinder rentals are still available, but until further notice day rentals of regulators, BCD's and other personal dive equipment are suspended.** Longer-term dedicated rentals may be determined on a case-by case basis for equipment deemed necessary for essential research activity. The DSP is encouraging all researchers to purchase their own equipment.
- **Only designated UH divers listed on a current approved UH dive plan may pick up and drop off rental equipment.** Equipment pick up should be done by a single diver. If equipment handling assistance is required, one other member of the dive team may accompany the designated diver.
- **Loaned/rented dive equipment will be disinfected by DSP Staff to the best of their ability prior to release.** Recipients are advised to consider re-disinfecting equipment prior to use. All recipients agree to be responsible for the complete disinfection of rented equipment according to established DSP procedures prior to its return.
- **Equipment purchase consulting, will be done by appointment only, over the phone, email, or video conference.** If an in-person meeting is necessary, a designated time will be made available to provide adequate physical distancing during the meeting.