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You have received a few notifications regarding positive COVID cases impacting our campus. In some instances the impact involves students completing a school-directed 10 day quarantine. While we prefer our students to all be on campus daily for face-to-face instruction, we are experiencing a learning interruption due to quarantine situations.

Our current priority is providing in-person learning for all students this year. Therefore, the “at home” offering of education for students who are out for any reason will look different than the Distance Learning model used last school year. Teachers have the capacity to provide work which can be done independently by your child or with limited adult assistance. Teachers will provide important missed assignments and assessments upon the student’s return to in-person learning.

Students will not be marked absent during the period directed to quarantine by the school. Other directed quarantine (for example, by SAC or pediatrician) must be reported to the school in order to be an excused absence.

Curbside meal service will be provided to those students who have been directed to quarantine by the school as follows: Breakfast served 7:30am-7:45am and Lunch served 11:15am-11:30am. This service will be provided only during the quarantine time frame and not daily over the course of the school year. Meal Service for quarantined students will be on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

We have the ability to play a large role in combating this pandemic. I urge everyone to do their part both on and off campus. Please continue to practice physical distancing, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and avoid unnecessary social gatherings.

Individuals who are exhibiting any symptoms, or who have been directed to quarantine by the DOH, should not come to campus. If someone in your household has been tested for COVID-19 or if they are exhibiting symptoms, please call before coming to campus so we can assess the situation and determine if a visit is necessary and/or appropriate. Below you will find DOH’s isolation and quarantine guidance for your reference.

Thank you for your continued support.
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COVID-19

HAWAI`I STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Updated August 18, 2021 HOME ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

ISOLATION

ISOLATION is for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of their vaccination status, to separate from people who do not have COVID-19.

If you are in isolation:

- Stay at home (except to seek medical care) until it is safe for you to be around others.
- At home, stay away from others.
 - o Stay in a separate room.
 - o Do not eat meals with other people.
 - o Avoid physical contact with other household members and pets.
 - o If you must be around others, wear a mask.
- Do not share unwashed personal household items (e.g., cups, utensils).
- Monitor your symptoms.
 - o If you have a medical emergency (e.g., trouble breathing, chest pain), call 911 and inform the dispatcher that you have COVID-19.

Students and staff can return to school when all the following conditions are met:

- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared* and
- 24 hours with no fever without use of fever-reducing medications; and
- Symptoms have improved or resolved.
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*If you never developed symptoms, you can stop isolation, return to school, and be with other people when 10 days have passed after your COVID-19 test was collected.

Note: The Department of Health does not provide isolation “clearance” letters. Schools should not require a negative COVID-19 test or a clinician’s note to return to school if the person has completed 10 days of isolation and meets the conditions above.

QUARANTINE

QUARANTINE is for people who have been in close contact* with a person who has COVID-19.

Close Contacts in a School Setting

- An adult close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 infection for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).
- A student close contact in a K-12 indoor classroom setting, where everyone is wearing a



mask correctly and consistently, is defined as being within 3 feet of a person with COVID-19 infection for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

- In **cafeterias or indoor rooms** (e.g., breakroom, classroom) where people were eating and drinking and **not** wearing masks, a close contact is any adult or student who was within **6 feet** of a person with COVID-19 infection for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

What to Do If You Are NOT Fully Vaccinated

- Stay home for 10 days after your last contact* with the person with COVID-19.
- Get tested immediately for COVID-19, even if you don't have symptoms.
- You must remain at home in quarantine for 10 days, even if you test negative.
 - o If your test is negative:
 - Get tested again 5–7 days after your last contact with the person with COVID-19.
 - Immediately self-isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Stay away from others in your home, especially those who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.
- If you must be around others, wear a mask.
- Watch for symptoms for 14 days after your last contact with the person with COVID-19.
- If you develop symptoms, immediately self-isolate and get tested.
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*If you have ongoing close contact with a person with COVID-19 because you live in the same house, you **must** stay home in quarantine for 10 days after the person with COVID-19 is released from isolation.

Students and staff can return to school when both of the following conditions are met:

- 10 days have passed since last close contact with the person with COVID-19; and
- No symptoms.

Note: The Department of Health does **not** provide quarantine "clearance" letters. Schools should not require a negative COVID-19 test or a clinician's note to return to school if the person has completed 10 days of quarantine and meets the conditions above.

What to Do If You Are Fully Vaccinated

- If you do not have symptoms, you do **not** need to quarantine.
- Get tested 3–5 days after your last contact with the person with COVID-19, even if you don't have symptoms.
- Watch for symptoms for 14 days after your last contact with the person with COVID-19.
- If you develop symptoms, immediately self-isolate and get tested.

Contacts of Close Contacts: People who were **not** in close contact with the person with COVID-19 infection.

- Do not have to quarantine.
- Do not have to get tested.