Ka Ho'olaha o 'Ilima

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ILIMA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

MARCH 2022

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Ilima 'Ohana,

We continue to support the health and safety of students and staff. The Hawaii State Department of Education updated the COVID-19 safety protocols. Outdoor masking at school campuses and facilities will be optional for students, parents, visitors, faculty and staff members, effective March 9, 2022. Individuals will need to make their own decision to mask or not based whether they are at high risk for severe disease and other special circumstances. We ask our parents/guardians to discuss this letter with their child.

Furthermore, indoor masking and social distancing requirements shall continue at Ilima Intermediate School. Please continue to check your voicemails and emails and immediately report any changes to your contact information by calling 808-687-9300.
Ilima adminstration will update everyone as new information of changes or clarifications becomes available. Mahalo for your continued support and flexibility.
Sincerely,

Christopher D. Bonilla, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Ilima 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration

Join us to celebrate 'Ilima Intermediate School's 50th anniversary. What the truck is coming to 'Ilima on March 26th. Please see flyer for more information.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

the last opportunity for COVID-19 vaccinations or boosters is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. The site is the front of the front office building. Please refer to the attachment for registration and share with anyone who is in need of this health opportunity.

This is the final vaccination opportunity hosted at Ilima for this school year.

BRIGHT SPOTS

Campus Beautification

February 24, 2022

Huge thank you to Student Government, Mr. Celebre's 7th Grade AVID Students, Royal Prodigies Dance Team, Mr. Shinn and JCHS Students for dedicating their time and effort to make our campus beautiful!

BRIGHT SPOTS

E-Building Bathroom Beautification

thank you to Mr. Lilo and his art students for creating the beautiful and inspiring murals in our bathrooms!

COVID-19 Vaccinations Coming To Your School

The Hawai'i Pacific Health COVID-19 Vax Squad is offering FREE COVID-19 vaccinations at:

ILIMA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

TIME: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LOCATION: In front of school, next to school office

MONTH	DAY
January 15	Saturday
February 5	Saturday
February 26	Saturday
March 19	Saturday

SCAN ME

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- Appointments are required for first doses for minors (ages 5-17) and third doses for those who are eligible (booster shots and third doses for immunocompromised).
- Walk-ins are welcome and appointments are available for first doses for adults (ages 18+).
- Hawai'i Pacific Health provides Pfizer (for ages 5+) and Moderna (for ages 18+) vaccines.
- Bring a photo ID and insurance card, if you have one.
- For second and third doses, bring your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card that was provided to you at your first appointment.
- Face masks must be worn at all times.

CONSENT PROCESS FOR MINORS

For children ages 5-17, a parent or legal guardian must complete the CDC Prevaccination Checklist AND Department of Education Student Vaccination Consent Form and have the child bring it to the vaccination appointment. These forms are included as part of the online registration process when scheduling an appointment, or may be distributed by the child's school as part of any vaccination information provided.

To schedule an appointment, visit
HawaiiPacificHealth.org/COVIDVaxSquad

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HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SUMMARY GUIDANCE FOR HAWAIʻI K-12 SCHOOLS

STRATEGIES TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN SCHOOLS

Core essential strategies for every school

- **Get vaccinated – vaccination is the most important strategy to protect students and staff**
  - Everyone who is able to should get up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters as soon as possible
  - The vaccines are free, safe, and help protect people from getting very sick or dying from COVID-19
- **Stay home when sick, except to get medical care**
- **Wear a mask when indoors**
  - Everyone aged 2 and older should wear a properly fitted mask covering their nose and mouth whenever indoors
- **Wash hands often and cover coughs and sneezes**

Additional strategies that when used in combination, can maintain safe learning environments

- **Ohana bubbles or cohorting to keep students and staff together in small groups**
- **Improving ventilation by opening windows and doors, using fans and ventilation systems, and moving activities outdoors when able**
- **Physical distancing of at least 3 feet when possible**
- **Screening testing to identify people with COVID-19 who do not have symptoms or before symptoms develop**
- **Cleaning at least once a day and disinfecting when a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 has been in the space within the last 24 hours**

For more information, visit HawaiiCOVID19.com.

Additional Resources:

- Guidance for Schools - health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/resources/school-guidance/
- COVID-19 Vaccines - HawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine/
- Multilingual Resources - HawaiiCOVID19.com/translations/

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COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for School Year 2021-22

Summary of Significant Updates

Updates to the Hawaii State Department of Education's COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance are categorized into three areas: Additions (new content added), Updates (updates to existing content) and Deletions (removal of outdated content). The bolded text refers to the corresponding section headers in the guidance document.

Rev. Feb. 1, 2022

Updates

- **Promoting Vaccination**: Promoting eligible students, teachers, staff and household members to stay up to date on all recommended COVID-19 vaccines and booster dose(s). Definition of fully vaccinated revised to include consideration of individuals who are immunocompromised.
- **Stay Home When Sick**: Daily Wellness Check is now one step and adds getting tested if any symptoms of illness are present.
- **Return to School/Work Criteria**: Reflects new isolation and quarantine guidance from the DOH.
- **Masks:** Key messages come from the CDC website Types of Masks and Respirators, updated Jan. 14, 2022.
- **Recess and Physical Education:** Students and staff must wear masks in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people, including recess and physical education. If physical education class is outdoors AND a distance of at least six feet between individuals can be maintained, masks may be removed.
- **High Risk Activities**: Some activities are considered high-risk for disease transmission due to increased exhalation and difficulty with implementing mitigation strategies. Individuals who have tested positive, regardless of vaccination status, must remain out of high-risk activities until 10 days have passed since symptom onset or test collection date, even if asymptomatic. Individuals who are a close contact of a person with COVID-19 and are not up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccines and boosters for their age group or recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days must remain out of high-risk activities until 10 days after their last exposure.
- **Communications**: Staff and families should self-report to their school or office if they or their students have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive COVID-19 test, or were in close contact with someone with COVID-19 within the last 10 days. If the positive case was on campus in the last 10 days, the DOH and the school community must be notified.
- **Travel**: Updated the time period to stay at home following travel in alignment with new quarantine guidance.
- **Response Procedures for Cases of COVID-19**: Updated steps, resources, contacts and protocols to improve efficiency. If the case was not on campus in the last 10 days, it does not need to be reported. The email to the COVID-19 response team is no longer

required. Clean, disinfect, and **ventilate** if less than 24 hours have passed since the case has been in the facility. An overview of the COVID-19 response protocol is described in this flyer.

- **Close Contacts and Quarantine/Positive Cases and Isolation**: updated to align with new DOH and CDC guidance. Quarantine and isolation periods in consideration of age (18 and older different than 17 and under); vaccine status and eligibility; and ability to mask. Clarified that if symptoms develop after the positive test date, the isolation period restarts and day zero is the first day of symptoms. Instructions for how to count days.
- **Hawaii Keiki:** Weekend support for school administrators responding to COVID-19 cases on campus at (808) 265-3340 on Sat/Sun from 8:00am-3:00pm.

Additions

- **Promoting Vaccination**: Inclusion of vaccination verification for students and staff. Documentation utilizes the same standard protocols that are used to collect and secure other immunization or health status information and should comply with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.
- **Masks**: Individuals are responsible for bringing and maintaining their own mask to wear at school. Replacement masks may be available on campus if a mask becomes damaged, soiled, wet or not accessible.
- **Close Contacts and Quarantine Requirements**: If individuals have ongoing close contact with a person with COVID-19 because they live in the same house and they must quarantine, the quarantine period begins after the person with COVID-19 is released from isolation.
- **Close Contacts and Quarantine Requirements**: New information specific to preK and structured outdoor settings. An additional example of cafeterias or indoor rooms where people eat and drink unmasked, 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.
- **Acceptable Tests for Clearance to Attend School/Work**: Detailed criteria for acceptable tests and where to find a list of options.
- **Tests Acceptable to Initiate a Positive COVID-19 Response at School**: Emphasizes that a positive test result, including those from a home-based rapid test, is sufficient to initiate the COVID-19 response at school. Also, a close contact with any COVID-19-like symptoms should be classified as positive; a test is not required to initiate the COVID-19 response at school. The DOH provided new guidance for school response to a positive PCR test result.

Rev. Dec. 15, 2021

Updates

- **Promoting Vaccination**: COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone ages 5 years and older. The CDC now also recommends that everyone 18 years or older receive a

booster shot at least 6 months after their initial series of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine or at least 2 months after their Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

- **Stay Home When Sick**: Additional clarification on who needs to stay home if exposed to infection.
- **Masks**: More details on what type of mask is appropriate for school-settings and how to take care of a mask.
- **After School Child Care Programs**: Revised to "Before and After Child Care Programs."
- **When to Clean and Disinfect a School When Someone is Sick**: Added "ventilate" to the guidance if less than 24 hours have passed since someone who is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the space.
- **Travel**: Includes new language related to international travel and revised the option for students who travel out of state to be fully vaccinated "before the return flight" instead of "before the start of out-of-state travel" in alignment with Safe Travels Hawaii.
- **Response Procedures for Cases of COVID-19**: Updated definitions for laboratory-confirmed case and probable case per DOH guidance.
- **Close Contacts**: More details for close contacts as described in Home Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for Schools.
- **When Someone Becomes Sick, Receives a Positive Diagnosis**: Expanded to include when someone who is unvaccinated is identified as a close contact at school.
- **Additional Information on Testing for COVID-19**: More details on tests that are acceptable for return to school in alignment with testing requirements for employees.
- **Diagnostic Testing**: The DOH now describes both PCR and antigen tests to be diagnostic tests.

Additions

- **Promoting Vaccination**: A new table has been added to help individuals be able to distinguish between COVID-19 symptoms and vaccine reactions.
- **Cluster**: The DOH provided a K-12 cluster definition and a customizable template for schools to use when a potential cluster is identified.
- **Screening Testing**: The DOH provided new guidance for school response to a positive antigen test result.
- **Resources**: New materials are listed from the DOH and in multiple languages.

Rev. Oct. 8, 2021

Updates

- **Stay Home When Sick**: Updated guidance has been provided for individuals who are fully vaccinated, previously infected with COVID-19 and recovered in the last 90 days,

and asymptomatic individuals who are getting tested for COVID-19 for documentation purposes.

- **Masks**: Must be worn when indoors and outdoors at a HIDOE facility.
- **Food service and school meals**: Updated school and district points of contact in the event of a positive COVID-19 case that disrupts meal service.
- **School buses and vehicles**: Updated mask, ventilation and loading guidance on school buses and vehicles.
- **Visitors**: All visitors and contractors must comply with Governor Ige's emergency proclamation when entering, working or providing services in any state facility, including public schools, for longer than 10 minutes.
- **Communications**: More detailed guidance on school community notification of a positive case on campus.
- **Response Procedures for Cases of COVID-19**: Updated instructions and hyperlinks for the steps that should be taken starting Oct. 11, 2021. Revised phone number for DOH Honolulu County.
- **When Close Contacts Are Identified at School**: Updated testing recommendations for close contacts who are unvaccinated or fully vaccinated.
- **Diagnostic Testing**: Testing recommendations and more information on offering diagnostic testing at school.

Additions

- **Promoting Vaccination**: The definition of being fully vaccinated. Information on potential side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine. When to get vaccinated following recent exposure or infection.
- **Masks**: Guidance on when masks may be temporarily removed and taking a mask break. When not wearing a face mask, other mitigation strategies must be implemented to the greatest extent possible due to the increased risk for transmission of infection.
- **Cleaning and Disinfection**: The request for PPE section includes the addition of industrial hygiene (IH) supplies, a new questionnaire to flag a need for additional supplies and an appointed logistics coordinator who will manage their respective office or school's PPE and IH supplies.
- **Travel**: Information and protocol for student travelers.
- **When Close Contacts Are Identified at School**: Information for close contacts recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days.
- **Response Procedures for Cases of COVID-19:** Report the case to the DOH using the new online case report form. If the case visited multiple campuses, it should only be reported to the DOH one time. The individual's supervisor or the program contract manager is responsible for reporting the case to the DOH.
- **When Someone Becomes Sick or Receives a Positive Diagnosis at School:** Steps to take when someone receives a positive diagnosis at school.
- **Reporting a Potential Outbreak**: Additional information on DOH and HIDOE working collaboratively to identify any potential clusters involving schools.
- **When Someone Has Recovered from COVID-19 in the Last 90 Days:** protocols for screening testing, close contact, new symptoms, and vaccination.

- **Testing as a Mitigation Strategy**: In partnership with DOH and health service providers, schools may consider offering COVID-19 testing for staff, contracted service providers, students and their families. To fulfill the COVID-19 test requirement for return to school/work, an antigen or PCR test taken through a CLIA-certified laboratory or under an approved CLIA Certificate of Waiver will be accepted.
- **Diagnostic Testing**: Use a PCR test as the final diagnosis.
- **Screening Testing**: Information and next steps based on antigen test results which is considered a screening test.

As of Aug. 18, 2021

Additions

- **Masks**: Guidance and accommodations for individuals who cannot wear a mask at school due to medical reasons.
- **Visitors**: Must complete a Daily Wellness Check.
- **Travel**: Information from the July 1, 2021 memo for public reference and additional details to facilitate implementation of the student travelers requirements.
- **Students or Staff Who Become Sick at School**: Siblings may continue to attend school if asymptomatic and with no known exposure to someone positive with COVID-19.

Updates

- **Stay Home When Sick**: Fully vaccinated and asymptomatic individuals do not have to quarantine following exposure to COVID-19 and can go to school/work while waiting for test results.
- **Response Procedures for Cases of COVID-19**: Updated step-by-step procedures. These steps do not apply to asymptomatic close contacts.
- **Close Contacts**: Student close contacts in class who are consistently and correctly wearing masks include only those students who were within 3 feet of an infected student for 15 minutes or longer over a 24 hour period.
- **When Close Contacts Are Identified at School**: All close contacts should get tested three to five days after exposure, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Close Contact Notification for School form to all close contacts**: Updated the hyperlink.
- **Stop the Spread of Germs Flyer**: Updated the hyperlink.

Deletions

- **Cleaning and Disinfection**: No additional cleaning if more than 3 days have passed notation removed from When to Clean and Disinfect a School When Someone is Sick.

CALENDAR

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 SPRING BREAK	15	16	17	18	19 COVID-19 VACCINATIONS
20	21	22	23	24 MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION	25 NO SCHOOL KUHIO DAY	26 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
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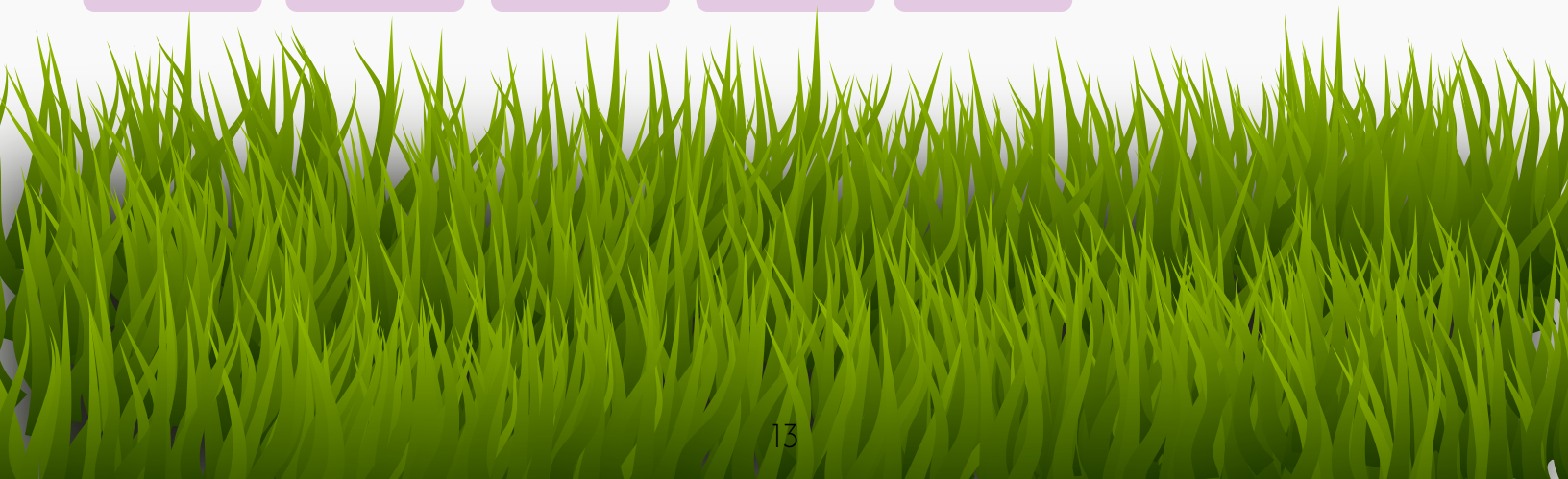

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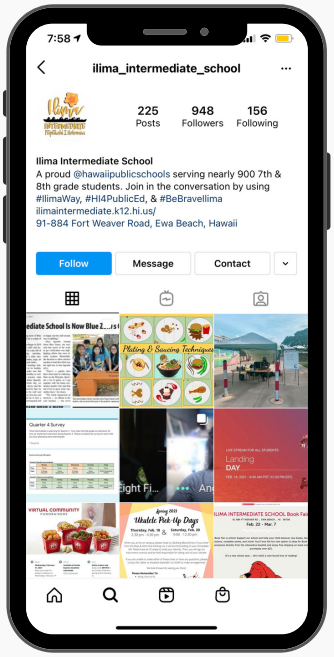

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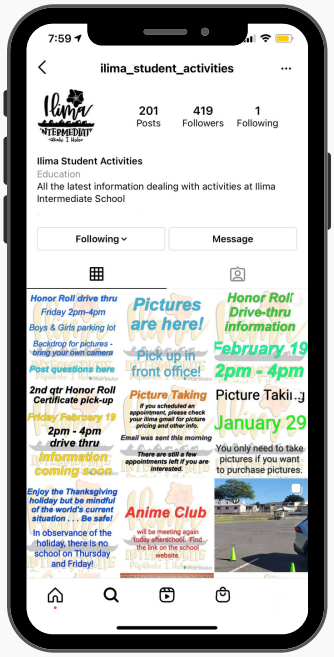

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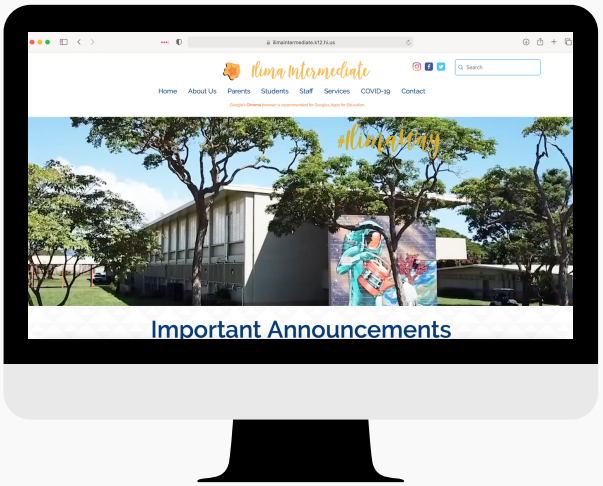

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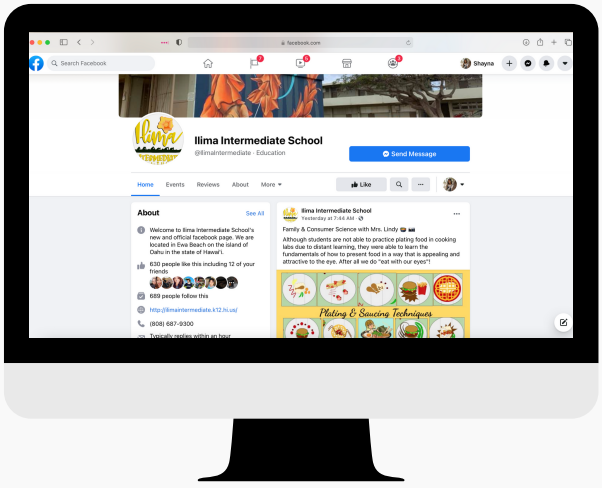

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