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Aloha Parents and Guardians,

I hope your new school year is off to a great start! This letter is to notify you of the latest updates to the Hawaii State Department of Education's (Department) *COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance* (bit.ly/HIDOEC19Guidance).

At the start of the school year, we issued a parent letter with the latest updates at the time (bit.ly/SuptPL-July22-UpdatedGuidance). Since then, the Hawaii State Department of Health has made additional revisions to their *Guidance for K-12 Schools* (bit.ly/DOHSchoolGuidance).

As we continue to follow the expertise of our local and federal public health authorities, we have incorporated the latest updates into our guidance, which go into effect today, **Tuesday, August 23, 2022**. Here are some of the latest changes:

- Quarantine following exposure to COVID-19 in or out of school is no longer required.
- Notifications of exposure are only required if students and staff stay in the same space throughout the day. All COVID-19 cases at schools will continue to be reported on the Department's dashboard (bit.ly/HIDOE-COVID-Dashboard).
- Screening testing is recommended for high-risk activities, events and following school breaks.
- For high school student-athletes, no vaccination or testing is required for participation.

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 or has COVID-like symptoms must isolate for five days (bit.ly/DOH-Isolation-Exposure-Guidance), regardless of vaccination status. Wearing a well-fitting mask indoors is strongly encouraged when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determines community levels are medium or high (bit.ly/CDC-CommunityLevels); for ten days following exposure to someone with COVID-19; and on days six to ten after completing isolation.

Mahalo for your ongoing support in helping to keep our schools safe and healthy. We look forward to a great quarter with you all!

Sincerely,

Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent

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