

COVID - 19

- **INFORMATION**

The staff of Kūlaniākea continue to keep up-to-date on the latest information regarding Covid variants, infected populations and vaccines as they become available. Our standards of daily cleaning, disinfecting, and preparedness of the classroom and facilities are of utmost importance for your keiki in anticipation of our first day of school, and throughout the year.

Although statewide restrictions have evolved for many businesses and general public, our kula will first and foremost, err on the side of caution, keeping in mind those 'ohana who have young keiki, kupuna and immunocompromised family members.

With that being said, we would like to share with you our plans for Covid safety that follows all State guidelines - Hawaii Department of Health (DOH), and the Hawaii Department of Human Services (DHS).

These procedures will remain in place from the first day of school until otherwise notified by the above mentioned agencies. All procedures will include social distancing.

Facilities & Janitorial Service

- Daily disinfecting of **high-touch surfaces such as classroom shelving, materials, and bathrooms and ke'ena.**

Before School Drop-Off

- Drop-off and parking will continue to be in the gated parking lot off of Waikapoki Rd.
- Socializing on school grounds, including the parking lot is not allowed
- ***Wear your mask*** when dropping-off, and be prepared to socially distance yourselves from other families while waiting to walk your keiki into the classroom. ***Only one 'ohana in the papa at a time.*** If there is already an 'ohana in the papa, please help us by waiting your turn and social distancing from one other.
- Siblings are not allowed to enter the classroom at any time.
- Enrolled keiki are ***not required*** to wear a mask.
- Hand Sanitizing is required and a dispenser will be located at the classroom doorway ***for mākua only.***
- ***Keiki hand washing will be done with the kumu.***
- Once inside the papa, mākua are to sign-in with a signature and arrival time.
- Please check your 'ohana pahu leka and bulletin board located on the wall for latest reminders.

- Keiki will store their ukana in its appropriate place.
- You and your keiki will make eye contact (to confirm arrival) and greet your kumu for morning drop-off where you may say your good-byes.
- To help minimize contact and exposure while dropping-off your keiki, we ask that you refrain from socializing, touching furniture, shelving, ha‘awina or other keiki during this time.

After School Pick-Up

- After school will be located on the private lane located between the Church and graveyard, off of Waikapoki Rd. Enter through the small gate.
- Hand sanitizing located upon entering through the Church doors.
- Remember social distancing when entering the gate, and wear your mask.
- Go to your keiki’s classroom and sign them out for the day.
- Your keiki and his/her ukana will be packed and ready to go from the playground.
- Socializing on school grounds or lane is not allowed to minimize contact contamination.

Staff

- Our staff is committed, to the best of our ability, to the health and safety of our school keiki and ‘ohana by limiting close interactions and socializing to our own families, school keiki and their ‘ohana.
- Teaching staff working directly with keiki will wear masks throughout the day while indoors. They will not be required to wear masks while working outdoors with keiki.

Keiki and ‘Ohana

- We ask our school ‘ohana to commit, to the best of their ability, to the health and safety of our school keiki, ‘ohana and staff, by minimizing your socializing to your household, workplace and Kūlaniākea ‘ohana as much as possible..

Community

- Kūlaniākea embraces our community as part of our school ‘ohana. ***Please wear your masks at all times when working or playing in our community.*** Be vigilant in your social distancing, and share aloha at all times. Safeguard the health and wellness of everyone, from keiki to kūpuna. ***Aloha ke kahi i ke kahi.***

Visitors & Campus Vendors

- *Only necessary persons will be admitted - we will avoid these situations when at all possible.* If admission is necessary, all persons will be required to sign into a Visitor Log Book, temperature screened, hand sanitizer and mask worn before entering the premises. Campus visitation by interested ‘ohana for enrollment will discontinue until further notice.

School Meals

- **Lunches:** Keiki will be required to provide their own home lunches.
Kamali‘i Snacks: Snacks will continue to be on a rotating weekly schedule provided by each school ‘ohana. (Please check the Snack Schedule on our Makua Portal). To minimize exposure, we are asking ‘ohana to provide packaged foods (crackers, popcorn, string cheese, and uncut fresh fruit, vegetables, steamed ula, u‘ala, etc.). If in doubt, please contact your kumu for questions or suggestions.
Hi‘ilei Snacks: Each ‘ohana will provide a daily morning and afternoon snack for their keiki.

Handwashing

- Handwashing for keiki, ‘ohana and staff is a critical component in minimizing exposure and maintaining our health and safety.
- Demonstrate and share the importance of thorough hand washing procedures with your keiki often, just as we do in school.

Keiki, ‘ohana or Staff Showing Signs of Covid

- If your keiki or anyone in the household shows any signs of illness or Covid symptoms, (see symptom list below) you’re required to notify the school immediately - ***please do not have your keiki attend school. Notify your pediatrician immediately for testing recommendations.***
- Notify the school immediately if you or anyone in your household has been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid - ***please do not have your keiki attend school.***
- A Covid notification to the school will automatically necessitate an email and/or text to all ‘ohana in being transparent and keeping everyone safe. Confidentiality will be maintained with all correspondence.
- If the ill person tests positive for Covid, whether it be makua or keiki, contact the school immediately. The school will then notify all ‘ohana that there is a confirmed case of

Covid within our school 'ohana. Appropriate notifications will go out to kula 'ohana via email.

- *A positive test for Covid will require the entire 'ohana to quarantine for a minimum of 5 days before returning to kula.*
- *Keiki may return to school with a Negative Covid Home Test*

Keiki & Staff Showing Symptoms While in School

- If a staff member or a child exhibits Covid symptoms (see list below) while in school, they will be isolated in a safe space and communication/preparations will be made for them to leave campus immediately.
- Upon confirmation of a positive Covid test, kula 'ohana will be notified immediately.
- At this time, the kula will not close; we will allow 'ohana to make the choice of staying home for safety if they so choose. We will remain open until otherwise notified.
- Covid positive keiki should see their doctor or pediatrician and return to school with a Negative Home Covid Test.

Covid and Traveling

- Currently, the state of Hawai'i does not require a quarantine or testing for its inter island or domestic flights. For further information, please visit this link: <https://hawaiicovid19.com/travel/>
- Kūlaniākea is asking that persons traveling inter island or domestic to please take precautions when returning home and take a Covid Home Test for the safety of our 'ohana.
- Persons traveling internationally should check into the following link for more information: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

Kūlaniākea has chosen to take extra precautions, beyond those currently established by the Hawai'i Safe Travels Program.

We remain committed to the health and safety of our keiki, 'ohana and staff.

Covid Symptoms

- **Fever or Chills**
- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**

- **Fatigue**
- **Muscle or body aches**
- **Headache**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Sore throat**
- **Congestion or runny nose**
- **Nausea or vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**