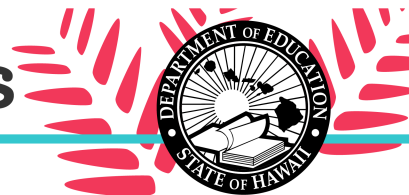


COVID-19 Updates



Weekly digital newsletter for HIDOE employees

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RECAPPING THE WEEK OF APRIL 27

The current health crisis has revamped how we operate as a public school system serving students across the state. As students are kept at the forefront of our response efforts, we want to ensure employees are informed. We strive to provide helpful resources for professional and personal well-being along with highlighting bright spots and accomplishments along the way. Please keep an eye out for this weekly digital update.

What we accomplished this week

HEALTH HOTLINE AND TELEHEALTH FOR HAWAII' I DOE STUDENTS
(844) 436-3888
TOLL FREE

Monday – Friday,
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

NO COST
health advice & telehealth
appointments with
Hawai'i Keiki nurses

Logos for University of Hawaii, Nursing, and Hawai'i Keiki are visible at the bottom of the graphic.

- » HIDOE students and families will have access to a [new health hotline and telehealth services](#) provided by the Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program, effective today. These new services will deliver equitable access to health resources and care for HIDOE students using mobile devices and interactive technology.
- » Public high schools across the state announced the dates, times and formats of their respective **alternative graduation ceremonies**. Schools have started to share logistics details with parents and guardians. The list will continue to be updated on the Department's website as more details become available. Read the full news release [here](#).
- » HIDOE with the help of the Friends of 'Iolani Palace celebrates **May Day** with student and staff performances strung together in a beautiful virtual lei. Enjoy our [gift of aloha](#). Full-length videos of each performance are also available on our [May Day showcase](#).
- » Seventy-four [Grab-and-go school meal sites](#) are currently running to provide children breakfast and lunch. This week, we launched our first two non-school sites to reach more kids in Wai'anae Valley. Mahalo to our volunteers from the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.

What's in the works

- » Aloun Farms will be offering farm-to-car produce boxes and invites all O'ahu high school students to participate in the [Aloun Farms Kokua Box Recipe Challenge](#). All recipes must include any ingredient(s) in the Kokua Box and will be featured in the COVID-19 relief Kokua Boxes and online. Application to confirm participation is May 6.
- » Students and their families can still participate in [Virtual Volunteer Week Hawai'i](#), an initiative to encourage creative ways to #RespondWithAloha and support the Aloha+ Challenge amid the COVID-19 crisis. Register and complete your project by May 9 to get involved!
- » Nominations of school district employees retiring at the end of this school year for the [LifeChanger Capstone Award 2020](#) are being accepted from May 5 through June 5. This year is especially hard for those individuals who are retiring after many years of students being an important part of their lives. Consider nominating a special person who has dedicated their life to education to receive \$1,500 for the individual and \$1,500 for the school.

Important updates and reminders from HIDOE offices



Schools are reminded that all students who were screened, identified and received **Gifted and Talented (G/T)** services in SY 2019-20 should be entered into eCSSS by June 5, 2020. If students were screened and identified but will not receive services until SY 2020-21, please wait until school starts in August to enter those students. During SY 2020-21, eCSSS will transition to Infinite Campus for G/T. If you would like to participate in the pilot and get individual training in the new system, click [here](#).



HIDOE has received a generous donation of **214,000 masks** from Every1ne Hawaii. The majority will be distributed to children picking up Grab-and-Go meals at school sites and the rest will go to school food service staff, custodians, and support staff. Distribution has begun on O'ahu and supplies are en route to complex areas on all islands.



The Exceptional Support Branch has posted two memos to provide **clarification and guidance for students with special needs**. The first [memo](#) clarifies enrollment of students transferring to a HIDOE school. The second [memo](#) provides guidance regarding fourth-quarter progress report requirements. For additional information, please contact your special education district educational specialist.



To assist schools in determining **extended learning opportunities** for students, lists of high school students were sent to each CAS and principal to ensure student success. Middle/Intermediate school and elementary school lists will be forthcoming.

HIDOE will be submitting an application for the **US Department of Education Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund**. These funds are meant to help address educational needs during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

All schools scheduled to have an **ACS WASC Full Self-Study visit** in the 2020-21 school year will have the option to: 1) continue with the regularly scheduled visit in Spring 2021, or 2) defer the visit from Spring 2021 to the Fall 2021. Principals will receive a formal letter from ACS WASC with further guidance. Please refer to the April 28 [memo](#) for the list of impacted schools. For questions, contact Andrea Fukumoto at andrea.fukumoto@k12.hi.us.



To access HIP Employee Self-Service during this COVID-19 pandemic to **update payroll information**, employees should first contact their school to make arrangements to access a computer on the HIDOE network. If this is not possible during the pandemic, HIDOE will accept paper forms for direct deposit and tax withholding changes. Forms and submittal information are available on the Internet at bit.ly/ofsoptions.



The [Technology Guidance for HIDOE Employees](#) document has been published and posted on HIDOE's ServiceNow portal. The document provides guidance, best practices, and information on various technology-related topics including e-conferencing, electronic signature, digital citizenship, etc. This document replaces the document entitled Technology Guidance & Resources During Emergency Situations which was previously posted to the ServiceNow portal. Employees will need to use their EmployeeID@k12.hi.us login credentials to access the document and several of the links within the document. The guidance document will continue to be updated as more information and guidance becomes available.



The **Families First Coronavirus Response Act** (FFCRA) provides employees with paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. Read the Department-issued [memo](#) for additional details on how to make the request. Paid leave form can be accessed [here](#).

These are stressful times. The [Employee Assistance Program](#) is available to help all Department employees by providing confidential, short-term professional counseling services, free of charge for up to three hours.

The Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) has **extended the 2020 Active Employee Open Enrollment**. The open enrollment period will be from April 1 – May 15. Additional information and schedule of informational webinars are available [here](#).

On June 2 and 3, 'Aha Kūkā will present "**Kani Ka Pū**," a **special distance learning summit** for public, private, and charter school educators and education leaders. This interactive virtual summit is a call to reflect on distance learning journeys during our COVID-19 response; we will identify innovations in virtual teaching, learning, and leading, and articulate educator needs as Hawai'i moves forward. For more information, please visit ManyWaaOneVoyage.com. Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 4.

FAQs answered by Dr. K.

Q: *How are schools utilizing technology to teach students and stay connected?*

A: HIDOE schools have had to adjust to distance learning employing various strategies for each school community and student populations. This endeavor raises special challenges but also has shown creative innovation in engaging students and utilizing technology.

At Waimea High School, Principal Mahina Anguay shared that it's been a true team effort with school-based behavioral health and counselors instrumental in getting in touch with students and families, and clerical staff following up with phone calls. They are assisting families as needed using the [West Complex Community Resource guide](#), created collaboratively by the student services coordinator and other coordinators in West Kauai. Using their website, School Messenger and social media to keep the school community informed, their student MTV3 TV crew has also produced "flipped" episodes from home that include content from students and staff.

From teachers performing dissection labs to using Webex and Google Classroom, Lahainaluna High School is also utilizing technology to rise up to the challenge of distance learning. Principal Jeri Dean notes virtual lip sync challenges, band rehearsals, the Spring Reading Challenge, language conversation groups and even Senior Scholarship and Athletics banquets being held virtually with the school finding new ways to interact with students. This is just a glimpse of the amazing things happening.

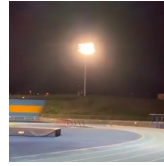
Teachers and staff found creative yet effective ways to monitor, communicate and engage with students. I applaud the efforts of all our schools and encourage everyone to continue to learn from each other and continue to innovate, grow and inspire.

Stay healthy! A roundup of well-being tips, resources and shoutouts

- COVID-19 Crisis Disrupts College Plans, Learning and Much More for High School Seniors. ([Hawaii Business Magazine](#) written by Waipahu HS senior Kawika Pegram)
- Seeking some sort of normalcy in COVID-19 era. ([Maui News](#))
- Runnin' with Rani: Virtual challenges to help keep you active. ([West Hawaii Today](#))
- Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School eighth-graders Rachel, Stella, and Aaliyah make their debut appearance on the podcast to share tips on how to stay safe during this pandemic. ([The Couch Pueo Podcast](#))
- A digital sounding board for teachers to share tips and tools on delivering enrichment to students during the COVID-19 pandemic. ([Hawaii Distance Learning Forum](#))

Social media highlights

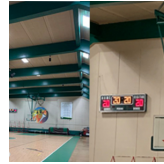
Amid this crisis the HIDOE 'ohana has been using social media to connect, inspire, educate and uplift one another and the broader community. Please continue sharing your stories, tips and humor using #HI4PublicEd and #PublicSchoolProud.



[Waipahu High](#) honors the efforts and accolades of the Class of 2020 by joining high schools across Hawaii in the #BeTheLight campaign. Go Marauders!



Honoring our [Maui High seniors](#) by turning on our softball field lights for 20 minutes and 20 seconds. Congrats!



Honoring our [Lānaʻi High seniors](#) at 20:20 for 20 mins and 20 secs

Catch up on [Ho'oha'aheo](#) – inspiring stories from our schools, districts and offices, profiling the students, staff and leaders who are building success and strong school communities, and the community members and organizations that help them do it.

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