



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MANOA SCHOOL
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Aloha Manoa School staff, parents and guardians,

I have been made aware of a **probable** COVID-19 case among one of our students. The individual was last on campus on Friday, May 7, 2021. I am in contact with the family and have sent our aloha for a speedy recovery. Out of respect for this person's privacy, I won't be sharing additional information. We will continue to monitor the situation for any potential impact to our campus and will provide an update as soon as possible, if needed.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a probable case is defined as any one of the following:

- Meets clinical criteria AND epidemiologic linkage with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19;
- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence;
- Meets vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory evidence for COVID-19.

For more information about probable cases, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/faq-surveillance.html>.

I understand that this may cause concern and our administration is working closely with the Hawai'i State Department of Education's (HIDOE) COVID-19 Response Team and Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) on mitigation efforts. If you have any concerns, I encourage you to speak with your healthcare provider or DOH using these options at <http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/contact-us>.

As a tight-knit school community, I understand how challenging it is to remain physically distant from each other, especially during casual social gathering opportunities. However, it takes a collective effort to ensure that we are doing our part to stop the spread of this virus. Please avoid unnecessary gatherings on campus, wear a mask, and practice proper hand hygiene.

In addition to reminding our school community about safety procedures, please continue to do a wellness check before coming to campus using the following guidance, bit.ly/WellnessCheckHIDOE. It is crucial that you remain at home if you are feeling sick or have been directed to quarantine.

Your safety continues to be my highest priority. The school has followed all expert guidance and therefore I am confident that it is safe for employees and students.

Sincerely,

Ryan Kusuda
Principal