



STATE OF HAWAII
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On Thursday, September 18, Superintendent Christina Kishimoto announced new guidance from the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) for schools to use in planning for the remainder of the 2020-21 academic year. If interested, a copy of the DOH guidance is located at <https://bit.ly/369GqLE>

In consultation with all the schools in the Roosevelt Complex, Mānoa School will be implementing a gradual blended approach to bringing back students to our campus. While we are still working out the logistics, with the fall break quickly approaching, we wanted to inform our families a general understanding of our Quarter 2 plans beginning the week of October 12.

For the first two weeks of Quarter 2, Mānoa School will be continuing its distance learning plan for grades K-5. Starting the week of October 26, we will phase in grades Kindergarten, first and second on a blended hybrid schedule. This would mean each of those grade levels would have no more than 50% of their face-to-face students in a classroom on any given day. Class sizes will be between 8 to 10 students. All of the protocols outlined in our school reopening plan (located at manoschool.com) including health screening, social distancing, mask wearing, cohort grouping, and cleaning and disinfecting facilities will be implemented to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Once we have confirmed start dates and schedules for students in grades K-2, we will send them out to our families.

For students in the third, fourth and fifth grades, instruction would remain distance learning for the duration of Quarter 2. The goal, based on the DOH metrics, would be to phase in the remaining grade levels back to campus using the blended hybrid approach starting in Quarter 3.

As mentioned in my previous letter dated September 17, families interested in switching out of the 100% distance learning with Acellus will have the ability to do so between Quarters 1 and 2. With this new information for families to use in their decision making, I would like to extend the deadline to make this switch, originally scheduled for today to Tuesday, September 29 at 4:00 pm. The Google Form is located at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfL0LsijOs5xD2Tf1IqxWFhDdbVL5fE8mMaLKcrThjQ4pdWKw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Conversely, for families considering switching into the 100% distance learning option with Acellus, please contact either myself or Vice Principal Chung by phone or email no later than Tuesday, September 29.

Please understand that even with the best laid out plans, with the fluid nature of this pandemic, course corrections may occur. Thank you in advance for your patience and support as we look to safely reintroduce or keiki into our classrooms.

Sincerely,

Ryan Kusuda
Principal