



## UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

A Hawai'i Public Charter School

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March 12, 2021

Aloha ULS Parent and Guardians,

I want to start off by thanking you for all of your support this school year. As you know, we have had to make many adjustments to our school program due to the pandemic. Despite these changes, we have remained committed to educating your child and providing them with the best possible learning experience given the situation.

Since January, the ULS administrative team and I have been working with UH COE Dean Dr. Nathan Murata to submit requests to the UH administration for small in-person and on-campus events such as the PSAT and ACT testing. All of our requests have been met with positive responses. With the recent move to the county's Tier 3 level and the roll out of vaccinations for 1B essential workers which includes educators and school staff, we submitted another request to the UH administration asking that ULS be allowed to return to campus for in-person instruction this semester. We received their response and I am delighted to announce that our request has been approved. We are elated with the news as we have been wanting our students to return since August.

We will be implementing the following learning models:

- Kindergarten through Grade 5 on campus daily (Monday-Friday) for in-person instruction.
- Middle and high school students, in grades 6-12 on campus on a A/B two-day rotational blended learning model with two groups of 14 students per grade level receiving in-person instruction. Group A (A1 and A2) are on campus on Monday and Thursday only, and Group B (B1 and B2) are on campus on Tuesday and Friday only. On the days students are not on campus for in-person instruction, they are attending scheduled online Google Meet classes and completing online assignments provided by teachers.

The UH campus is still closed to the public meaning that our students are not allowed to be on the UH main campus. Our presence will be closely monitored therefore we need to be vigilant about following all of the rules and regulations set forth by UH. We need everyone's help to ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff while on campus.

In order to prepare for a safe and successful return to campus, all ULS families must fulfill the following requirements. By doing so, students and teachers can focus on the important tasks of learning and teaching.

1. All ULS parents must read through and understand the newly revised [ULS Spring 2021 Return to Campus Plan](#). Make note of the new updates regarding attendance and absences specifically for on-campus learning days.
2. For the remainder of the spring semester, ULS will not be providing school purchased meals (breakfast and lunch) for students. Parents are responsible for providing their child their own meals/snacks for the school day. Meals should be ready-to-eat.
3. Please discuss and go over with your child(ren) the healthy and safety protocols and new on-campus procedures so that they fully understand what is expected of them. *This information can be found on pages 15-24 of the plan.*
4. Check your child's grade level (and grouping A/B for students in grades 6-12) weekly schedule to confirm the daily start and end times. *This information can be found on pages 2-4 of the plan.*
5. Check your child's grade level drop-off and pick-up times, procedures and designated areas. As a reminder, **only K-3 families** are allowed to enter the Zone 1/school parking lot for morning drop off and must follow the maps provided in the plan. To ease congestion and traffic, students in grades 4-12 must be dropped off and picked up at the designated area on Metcalf street. *This information and detailed maps can be found on pages 10-15 of the plan.*

6. Parents must follow through with creating and using the ULS LumiSight health check-in app. This app will be used as our systemwide daily check-in app for all students, parents, employees, and visitors, consistent with our published COVID-19 response guidelines. This checklist should be completed for students who will be coming to school for in-person classes only. Use this [LINK](#) to access the parent information guide and instructions on how to set up an account. This must be done prior to your child's return date. *Additional information regarding ULS' policy on daily health screening can be found on pages 15-16 of the plan.*
7. Parents must follow through with providing their child(ren) the necessary school supplies needed for in-person learning. **All students in grades K-8 will need to bring their school issued laptops fully charged to school daily. All students in grades 9-12 will need to bring their personal device or their school issued device fully charged to school daily.**
  - If your child is in grades K-5, teachers will provide parents with an updated list of supplies for your child.
  - If your child is in grades 6-12, teachers will communicate with students what supplies are needed on a daily or weekly basis.
8. All ULS students in grades K-12 MUST have their SY 2020-2021 ULS ID on the days they attend school in-person. The ULS ID must be worn and clearly visible at all times.

ULS spring break is from Monday, March 15, 2021 to Friday, March 19, 2021. There will be a staggered start in the first week of school following spring break to allow students, faculty and staff the opportunity to transition back to in-person learning on campus. See the first week schedule below. Check the ULS Spring 2021 Return to Campus Plan for your child's grade level start and end times and schedule for the remainder of the semester for in-person school days.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

- Grade K-5 students will be given online assignments through SeeSaw. No Google Meet classes.
- Grade 6-8 group B will have regularly scheduled art and music Google Meet classes and work on online assignments.
- Grade 10-12 group B will have regularly scheduled elective Google Meet classes and work on online assignments.
- Grade 6-12 group A will be given online assignments through Google Classroom. No Google Meet classes.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

- Grade K-5 students will be given online assignments through SeeSaw. No Google Meet classes.
- **First day of in-person school for grades 6-12 group B ONLY.**
- Grade 6-8 group A will have regularly scheduled art and music Google Meet classes and work on online assignments.
- Grade 10-12 group A will have regularly scheduled elective Google Meet classes and work on online assignments.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

- **Grades K-5 start of in-person school schedule**
- Grade 6-12 all students follow the regular Wednesday online schedule.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

- **First day of in-person school for grades 6-12 group A ONLY.**
- Grade 6-8 group B will have regularly scheduled art and music Google Meet classes and work on online assignments.
- Grade 10-12 group B will have regularly scheduled elective Google Meet classes and work on online assignments.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

- Kuhio Day Holiday (No School)

On behalf of the ULS administrative team, faculty and staff, I want to thank you again for all of your patience and understanding. We know that there is still much to do, but we are excited to see our students again and to begin the return to an environment that is indicative of ULS' strong academic program and long standing traditions.

Sincerely,



A. Keoni Jeremiah  
Principal