



UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

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Aloha ULS School Community,

The ULS administrative team was made aware of another confirmed COVID-19 case involving one of our students. The individual is in quarantine until medically cleared. Out of respect for their privacy, we will not be sharing additional information. All individuals that are identified as a close contact are in the process of being contacted.

This situation has greatly impacted our small school community. We looked at the population of students that are directly affected by this situation as well as our ability to provide an educational program to all students. We also took into consideration the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff, especially with this new case. With this information, we have decided to err on the side of caution and implement full distance learning for all students in grades 6-12 for the week of October 4-8, 2021. By moving to distance learning for all grade 6-12 students, everyone will have access to the school program on our virtual platform and can continue learning without further interruption.

Students in grades K-5 will be able to continue to come to school for in-person learning next week. K-5 students that are siblings of an identified close-contact will need to be cleared by ULS before they can return to school.

To the families of students that were identified as a close-contact from yesterday's (September 30) positive case, we are still requesting parents to submit your child's vaccination card if your child is vaccinated. We strongly encourage parents to test your child(ren) and submit the results to health@universitylaboratoryschool.org if you do test your child. We apologize for any inconvenience this change has caused and thank you to those that have already submitted their child's vaccination card and test results.

If your child was not identified as a close contact in either cases, you do not need to submit anything. However, if your child is vaccinated, we ask that parents submit a digital copy (picture or scan) of your child's vaccination card for our records. Email to health@universitylaboratoryschool.org. If you have already submitted your child's vaccination card, you do not need to submit it again.

All grades 6-12 faculty and staff have been notified of the move to distance learning starting on Monday, October 4, 2021. They will be reaching out to your child through email to provide instructions on how to access their Google Meet links. ULS distance learning schedule will follow the same current daily schedule. School begins at 7:45am and ends at 3:15pm on Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri and ends at 2:35pm on Weds. Teachers will take attendance at the beginning of every class. If your child is experiencing technical difficulties, students or parents can email ulstech@universitylaboratoryschool.org for assistance. ULS will be monitoring attendance and will follow up with parents on absences during distance learning.

ULS students that were identified as a close-contact that participate in sports or ULS extracurricular activities cannot participate until they are cleared by the school. Parents will need to submit proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test in order for your child(ren) to be cleared to participate in sports.

Please submit test results and proof of vaccination to ULS by emailing a digital copy to health@universitylaboratoryschool.org as soon as possible.

For information and testing locations: <https://www.oneoahu.org/covid19-testing/#map>.

We have shared our cares and thoughts of concern with the individual and hope for a full recovery. We appreciate your support as we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times.

Thank you,

Keoni Jeremiah
Principal