



UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

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January 6, 2022

Aloha ULS School Community,

The ULS administrative team was made aware of several confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in our school community. We are in contact with the families and have sent our aloha for a speedy recovery. These individuals were last on campus on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Out of respect for their privacy, we will not be sharing additional information.

We are following the Response Procedures for Positive Cases and Possible Exposure outlined in our 2021-2022 Student/Parent Handbook to ensure the safety of our staff and community. You will be contacted through email by the administration team if your child is considered a close contact.

The recent cases have greatly impacted our small school community. Each day we are receiving many notifications from parents/guardians about possible close-contacts in their home and are awaiting lab test results. 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. With this mounting situation, we have decided **to implement distance learning for all students in grades K-12 from January 7 through January 14, 2022**. By moving to distance learning for all grade K-12 students, everyone will have access to the school program on our virtual platform and can continue learning without further interruption. We are planning to return to in-person learning on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, however, please be advised of a possible extension of distance learning should our school community be affected by this. Monday, January 17, 2022 is a holiday and there is no school.

All grades K-12 faculty and staff have been notified of the move to full distance learning starting on Monday, January 10, 2022. Teachers will be reaching out to your child through email to provide instructions on how to access their Google Meet links for classes on Monday.

- Tomorrow, Friday, January 7, 2022, faculty and staff will take the day to plan and prepare for distance learning next week. There will be no online classes, however,

assignments will be uploaded to Google classroom (6-12) or Seesaw (K-5) for students to complete tomorrow.

Grades 6-12

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 Wednesday. Teachers will take attendance at the beginning of every class.

Grades K-5

ULS distance learning schedule for K-5 will be shared with students and parents tomorrow. On the schedule will be the links to each teacher's Google Meet classes.

The office will follow up with parents on any absences from classes. If your child will be absent due to illness, appointments or for other reasons, please call the school office at 808-956-7833 or email attendance@universitylaboratoryschool.org

If your child is experiencing technical difficulties, students or parents can email ulstech@universitylaboratoryschool.org for assistance.

We are currently working on making updates to our COVID-19 protocols, and possible school testing program. We will share these updates as they become available.

Health Updates: It is very important that you continue to contact ULS anytime your child or someone in your household has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, is waiting for test results or tests positive for COVID-19. We will do our best to respond as communication comes in and provide you with next steps. DO NOT send your child to school if they or someone in your household has been exposed, is waiting for test results or tests positive for COVID-19. DO NOT send your child to school if your child displays any COVID-19 like symptoms. Notify ULS and we will follow up with you. Please send email and test results to health@universitylaboratoryschool.org

If you have any health concerns, I encourage you to speak with your healthcare provider. For additional information or guidance, please visit the state's COVID-19 website at www.hawaiiicovid19.com.

Sincerely,

A. Keoni Jeremiah
Principal