SUMMARY GUIDANCE FOR HAWAIʻI K-12 SCHOOLS

How to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in schools

- Stay up to date on vaccination – vaccination is the most important strategy to protect students and staff
  - Everyone should get up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters
  - Vaccines are free, safe, and help protect people from getting very sick or dying from COVID-19
- Improve ventilation by opening windows and doors, use fans and ventilation systems, and move activities outdoors
- Stay home when sick, except to get medical care
- Wear a mask indoors in public, including in schools, to protect yourself and others when COVID-19 Community Levels are medium or high
- Wash hands often and cover coughs and sneezes

Isolation Guidance

If you have COVID-19 symptoms[1] or test positive:

- Do NOT go to school and notify the school
- Stay at home and ISOLATE except to get medical care until:
  - At least 5 full days after symptoms first appeared or if no symptoms, after tested; AND
  - At least 24 hours after last fever without use of fever-reducing medicine; AND
  - symptoms, if any, have improved.
- When you return to school after isolation, wear a well-fitting mask indoors for 5 full days.

[1] Students and staff who have ongoing symptoms from another cause (e.g., allergies, asthma) and no known exposure to COVID-19 do not need to isolate unless they develop new or worsening symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.

Exposure Guidance

- You can stay in school if you do not have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status.
- Wear a mask around others indoors for 10 days.
- Watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Test at least 5 days after exposure, even if you do not have symptoms.
- If symptoms develop, immediately isolate and test.

- Guidance for Schools - health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/resources/school-guidance/
- COVID-19 Vaccines - HawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine/
- Multilingual Resources - HawaiiCOVID19.com/translations/

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