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Aloha PHCA Ohana,

As we continue to assess the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, please see the attached letter from our school board regarding the science behind our decision to continue to have in-person learning. Please also note that this information does not negate the fact that COVID-19 is a very real and rising health concern at this time. We must continue to be diligent in following our safety and health protocols to keep our school and your families safe.

- 1) *Stay home - away from PHCA and others if you're sick or have any symptoms related to COVID-19,*
- 2) *Stay "friendly at a distance" - Maintain social distancing and only one parent (when allowed) on campus*
- 3) *Wear a face mask coming on to or leaving campus, students keep masks/shields on when moving about in class*
- 4) *Wash hands frequently - when soap & water not available, use a sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content*
- 5) *If your child is sick or has symptoms at school, please be prepared to pick them up right away.*

Also, the board has approved the following policy which is above and beyond Department of Health (DOH) mandates.

DIRECT CONTACTS: The DOH describes someone who is a "Direct Contact" as someone who was:

- Within 6 feet of the CASE (individual POSITIVE with COVID-19) for 15 minutes or longer
- In direct contact with CASE'S secretions (e.g., being coughed on)

The DOH requires only individuals who were in "**Direct Contact**" with a "**CASE**" to quarantine for 14 days from date they were first exposed. As an added layer of precaution, PHCA's has implemented the following policy:

"If there is a "Direct Contact" in the immediate household of a PHCA student, the student and family members should remain away from the school campus until the "Direct Contact" tests negative or the "Direct Contact" individual's quarantine period has ended."

As a reminder, parents must provide a reason if their child is absent and must consult their Health Care Provider for a return to school clearance if they stay home for item #1 listed above.

To be prepared in the event that PHCA must go to a Distance Learning (DL) platform, we are scheduling one day to practice DL for Kindergarten and up. We are making sure all students have accepted their invitations to the Google classroom and know how to access their lessons and link to the Zoom classroom. Please make sure you have viewed the videos online for setting up your child's Google and ZOOM account so you can assist as needed. **On Monday, August 24th, all students in Kindergarten and up need to be off campus for one day to practice Distance Learning.** Preschool will continue to have normal classes on campus. We are in very different and complicated times. We appreciate everyone's commitment to help keep this virus from spreading as we get through this pandemic together and through the grace of God.

Sincerely in Christ,



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