

August 26, 2020

Aloha PHCA Ohana,

The "written" document for the emergency proclamation announced yesterday has still not yet been made available to the public. However, to remain in compliance with the Mayor's verbal "Stay at Home" proclamation made yesterday, Kindergarten through High School will be on a Distance Learning (DL) Platform for the next two weeks effective tomorrow, Thursday, August 27th. All learning materials, along with their iPads will be sent home today. **Preschool will continue to remain in session.**

**NOTE FOR KINDERGARTEN:** Kindergarten will need to sign-up for a special pick-up on Friday for additional materials as this was not enough notice for us to put together all of their individual assignments. Their nap items will not be sent home as they will have a short week when we return, and it will be sent home at the end of that week.

We realize the short notice of the Mayor's decision may be an inconvenience to many of our families. Based on the scientific studies regarding children and COVID researched by our school board and the protocols we have in place; our goal is still to provide on-campus learning as long as mandates allow. Unfortunately, we will need to temporarily move to Distance Learning during this time to be in compliance with the Honolulu City and County mandates. Our Mayor believes this temporary shutdown will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and we will be in compliance with this order to support and help the community.

Our DL practice went well on Monday and the teachers went over guidelines again on Tuesday. The links to the ZOOM Classroom should be in your child's Google classroom under > Classwork > ZOOM Links. Please assist your child as needed and keep in mind:

**DRESS CODE:** All tops and outerwear should be the PHCA Uniform (**UPDATE:** T-shirt or Polo Shirt for K-5th, Middle School and High School should be in their POLO Shirt) with the PHCA Jacket for outerwear if needed. We already know that uniforms improve discipline, enhance the learning environment, and minimize distractions and time spent deciding on what to wear. We believe the uniform top will help maintain the normalcy and routine of being in class, while minimizing distractions and enhancing the virtual learning environment.

**LIVE VIDEO:** Students need to be "LIVE VIDEO" and face centered on the screen while in class. There should not be an avatar or icon in place of the "LIVE VIDEO" of their face.

**CHATTING DURING ZOOM SESSIONS:** Students may not create or be in private chat rooms during the ZOOM session. Any chats during ZOOM must include and be directed by the instructor.

Thank you to all for your cooperation and support in making our on-line instruction a success. We are looking forward to having you all back in person at the end of this "Stay at Home" order. Until then, please stay safe, keep up with ZOOM sessions and remember that **"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."**

Mahalo and God Bless,



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