



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Wailuku Elementary School
355 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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Aloha Wailuku Elementary School 'Ohana,

I have been made aware that 15 members of our WES 'Ohana were diagnosed with COVID-19 between 12/27/2021 and 1/08/2022. We are in contact with families and have sent our aloha for a speedy recovery. Of the 15 individuals:

- 7 individuals were on campus during the infectious period (Wednesday (1/5/2022), Thursday (1/6/2022), and Friday (1/7/2022).
- 3 individuals were not on campus during the infectious period.
- The remaining 5 were last on campus prior to Winter Break.

Out of respect for their privacy, I won't be sharing additional information.

Our school is taking the necessary precautions including notifying potential close contacts, professionally cleaning and disinfecting the impacted areas, coordinating next steps with the Hawai'i State Department of Education's COVID-19 Response Team, and sharing case information with the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH). If you have not been contacted by a member of our administration team, this means that you or your child are not considered a close contact.

The DOH is the lead agency when it comes to contact tracing. If you have any concerns, I encourage you to speak with your healthcare provider or DOH using these options, health.hawaii.gov/docd/contact-us.

As a reminder, before coming onto campus, please do a wellness check using the following guidance, bit.ly/WellnessCheckHIDOE. Individuals who are exhibiting any symptoms, or who have been directed to quarantine by the DOH, should not come to campus. If someone in your household has been tested for COVID-19 or if they are exhibiting symptoms, please call before coming to campus so we can assess the situation and determine if a visit is necessary and/or appropriate.

Mahalo for your continued patience, support, and understanding.

 *Via principal signing for Dr. Nikan Arapoff 1/08/2022.*
Dr. Nikan Arapoff, Principal