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Aloha Hilo Waieka Complea Area ‘Ohana,

This notification is to inform you that multiple COVID-19 cases have been confirmed at schools on Oahu and Maui following recent mainland travel by student athletes and their families for non-school-sanctioned “Pylon Mecca 7v7” football tournament games in Utah and Nevada. This letter is being sent home as a precaution for families on all islands who may have participated in these events.

The State Department of Health (DOH) is advising any students, family or staff members who may have attended this event to **quarantine for at least ten (10) days from the date of their return to the islands and get tested for COVID-19 to know their status.** A negative test result does not mean it is safe to return to school or work before the end of the quarantine period. Returning travelers should try to isolate themselves from other household members. We will continue to monitor the situation for any potential impact to our campuses and will provide an update as soon as possible, if needed.

As a reminder, before coming onto campus, staff, parents and students should do a wellness check, bit.ly/WellnessCheckHIDOE. Individuals who are exhibiting any symptoms, or who have been directed to quarantine by DOH, should not come to campus. If you or someone in your household has been tested for COVID-19, please stay home until test results are back.

Please continue to keep our school informed of positive COVID-19 cases impacting our school community, even if the individual has not been on campus for an extended period of time. This will assist our school with fact-finding and sharing of information with DOH, which is the lead agency for contact tracing.

If you have any concerns, we encourage you to speak with your healthcare provider or DOH using these options, health.hawaii.gov/docd/contact-us.

We have the ability to play a large role in combating this pandemic. We urge everyone to do their part both on and off campus.

Sincerely,


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