



January 4, 2022

Dear Hale'iwa Families,

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing winter break.

As we return to school, we are very aware of the surge in COVID cases across the state over the last few weeks. As we have in the past, we are asking for all of our families to help us implement our core mitigating strategies. **Please continue to do "Daily Wellness Checks" every day.** Hale'iwa families have been OUTSTANDING in not sending your children to school if they have any COVID-like symptoms. We really appreciate your efforts in this area. At school, we continue to enforce consistent use of masks and hand washing with soap or the use of hand sanitizer as often as possible. If we continue to work together, we are hopeful that we can minimize COVID on our campus.

Yesterday afternoon, the HIDOE adopted the Hawaii DOH's recommended guidelines to reduce the quarantine time for confirmed positive cases from 10 days to 5 days. People who are identified as close contacts and are NOT vaccinated will also need to quarantine for 5 days.

Please review the information contained in [this flyer released by the DOE on January 3](#). It provides important details for the different scenarios that may occur depending on each individual's personal circumstances. These new guidelines are effective IMMEDIATELY.

We will send a hard copy of this flyer home with your child for you to have as a reference. It will also be posted on our homepage at haleiwaelementary.com.

Beginning this week, Hale'iwa is increasing our weekly COVID testing for students and staff to 3 days a week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:15 - 8:15am. Testing is conducted in our school cafeteria on the stage. It is self-administered by the child with a trained adult observing them to ensure it is done correctly. To register your child(ren), please click on this link: <https://bit.ly/HealthyHaleiwa>. Results are emailed to parents normally within 36 to 48 hours. If you have any questions about the COVID testing being offered at our school, please contact the office at 637-8237 or email us at haleiwaschool@haleiwa.k12.hi.us.

We wish everyone a joyful and healthy new year! Please take care.

Sincerely,

Malaea Wetzel
Principal