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Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School is continuously monitoring the DOH and the CDC websites for the latest developments concerning the coronavirus. We want to assure you that on-campus precautions are in place. Maintenance staff are following specific cleaning and sanitizing procedures to effectively clean common areas and classroom surfaces several times during the school day using effective and safe cleaning solutions.

The following guidance from DOH has been issued for educational organizations:

- Schools should not expect to see students, faculty, or staff who have travelled to mainland China on campus without documentation of clearance by DOH.
- DOH will contact school if a student, faculty, or staff member is identified for home monitoring and will provide a time period when the individual should not attend school.
- Either quarantine or home monitoring will apply to travelers returning to Hawaii who were in mainland China in the previous 14 days.

Though the immediate health risk in Hawai'i is low for 2019 COVID-19, we recognize the seriousness of the situation and highly encourage everyone to stay informed with creditable sources. For more information, please visit DOH's Novel Coronavirus webpage or the CDC's 2019 Novel Coronavirus website.

Given the time of year, it is also important to emphasize that the best way to prevent the transmission of any respiratory illness is by doing the following:

- Get vaccinated against the flu. With current seasonal influenza activity, similar signs and symptoms such as fever and cough could be mistaken for the coronavirus. DOH strongly recommends residents ages 6 months and older to protect themselves by receiving the seasonal flu vaccination.
- Stay home when sick

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, before eating and after going to the bathroom.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

If a LCPCS student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, HDOH will direct our next steps and will develop a response protocol for the safety of our students, families, and staff. LCPCS will follow all HDOH recommendations and we will communicate directly to you regarding the situation and the next steps.

Our schools' Crisis Management team who are tasked with handling natural disaster situations, such as hurricanes, earthquakes ect., are developing plans in case office and/or school closure is mandated.

Because this is a quickly evolving situation, administration will be providing information and updates as necessary.

We want to thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and partnership as we navigate this issue to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, families, staff and community.

Mahalo and Take Care,

Kurt Rix, Director