

August 22, 2021

Dear JABSOM 'Ohana:

We were notified this weekend that a UH Mānoa-Kaka'ako campus community member has tested positive for COVID-19 and is now in isolation. The individual was last on campus on August 19, 2021. The individual was fully vaccinated. All individuals who were in close contact with the individual have been contacted, are fully vaccinated, and following our [JABSOM COVID-19 Safety Practices, Communication and Return to School/Work Protocol](#) and current Hawai'i Department of Health (HDOH) guidance.

If you have not been contacted, this means that you were not exposed per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and HDOH guidelines.*

*Exposure is considered being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more (cumulatively over a 24-hour period, starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to the test specimen collection until the time the patient is isolated) of the individual.

The campus spaces impacted have been cleaned, as recommended by CDC and [University of Hawai'i Interim COVID-19](#) guidelines. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is not allowed to return to campus until they are cleared, as consistent with the HDOH and CDC standards. No further details can be shared as the privacy of the individuals involved must be respected. The campus is following all privacy and confidentiality laws, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Report all positive and suspected cases of COVID-19 on the JABSOM Kaka'ako campus to Dr. Buenconsejo-Lum or Dr. Jill Omori. For positive or suspected cases on the main UH Manoa campus, report to the University Health Services Manoa COVID-19 Resource Team at uhsm.covid@hawaii.edu or (808) 956-8965. The information will be kept confidential. Information on reported positive cases on UH campuses can be found at <http://go.hawaii.edu/xy3>.

It's understandably concerning to receive news of COVID-19 affecting our Kaka'ako 'ohana. We have additional resources on [Wellness Resource page](#). Continue to adhere to our layered prevention strategies, which includes 100% mask-wearing indoors regardless of vaccination status (unless you are working in isolation); not consuming food with others indoors; spacing more than 6 feet apart when eating outdoors; and not reconfiguring seats or tables in the cafe. Relevant documents are posted on the [JABSOM COVID-19 Resources and Updates page](#). Given the [HIGH community transmission on O'ahu](#), [we urge you to avoid large gatherings or other social events](#).

Please refer to recent communications from UH regarding the [COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy](#), which is effective August 23, 2021 and includes students,

employees, and visitors. **JABSOM 'ohana who are employees of [RCUH](#), UHF, and UHP are also expected to comply with the UH policy. Make sure your vaccine card is uploaded to [LumiSight UH](#) and please do your daily self-check in BEFORE you come to campus. Show your green clearance screen to the security guard as you enter the building (MEB or BSB).** If you have symptoms, even if you are fully vaccinated, stay home.

We continue to strongly urge everyone and family members 12 years or older to become fully vaccinated as soon as possible. The [COVID-19 vaccine](#) is [widely available](#) at mobile community sites and in pharmacies close to where you live.

Stay safe.

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