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## UPDATE ON COVID-19

Attention Residents, Resident Representatives, Families and Staff:

While the State of Hawaii (and Mainland states) have relaxed their restrictions on mask and quarantine mandates, we have been tracking an uptick in cases in nearby nursing communities. As of today, the CDC indicates Honolulu County is in the RED or HIGH risk of COVID-19 transmission for healthcare communities.

Hale Ola Kino continues to work diligently around-the-clock to keep both our residents and staff safe and both residents and staff are 100% up to date in their vaccinations. We continue to be COVID-19 free; and with your diligence, we can continue to keep everyone healthy and safe. With that, effective immediately, the staff will be switching back to KN95 masks. Resident guests will continue to be required to wear masks with KN95 being the preferred choice.

**As a reminder to everyone, DO NOT come to the community if you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms or you have been exposed to the virus.**

In addition, the CDC expanded eligibility for an additional booster dose for certain individuals who may be at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19. Boosters are safe and people over the age of 50 can now get an additional booster 4 months after their prior dose to further increase their protection further. Stay tuned as Annabel will be setting up an on-site clinic for eligible residents and staff for this additional booster.

Mahalo for your kokua as we all work together to keep our staff, residents and healthy and safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (808) 983-4444.

Warm regards,

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Executive Director & Administrator