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Aloha mai e nā 'ohana a me nā limahana ma Maui,

As you may be aware, this morning a few dozen people gathered outside of the gate to our 'A'apueo campus to express their sentiments about safety measures in place at Kamehameha Schools Maui. One of the values we live by as a kula Hawai'i is pilina, which is exhibited as building and maintaining strong relationships among our entire learning community. In the spirit of pilina, the leadership team here at KS Maui would like to share more about our rationale behind some of the safety measures we've implemented or plan to implement in the future (see the Q&A below). Our efforts are focused on keeping keiki safe and delivering the best possible in-person experiences and services to our lāhui.

Please know that our doors, phone lines and email inboxes remain open to all of you to discuss any concerns you have. We've already accomplished so much by working together — just look at the joy that radiates from our haumāna by being able to participate face-to-face, in-person with their peers and kumu.

In the coming days, we plan to inform you of details for a virtual town hall meeting to discuss our health and safety protocols and to give you a venue to voice your mana'o. If you'd like an anonymous venue to share your feedback, please visit our [Suggestion Ox](#) page.

While talking directly with us about your concerns helps us understand all the viewpoints in our community, we do ask if you plan to gather outside of campus for any reason to keep the gathering to areas along Kula Highway, as opposed to 'A'apueo Drive. Additionally, haumāna should not walk along the driveway to get to campus. This is unsafe. Please arrange to have your keiki dropped off at the appropriate drop-off locations.

Our combined efforts have already made a remarkable difference in helping to keep everyone safe and healthy. Mahalo nui loa for all your efforts and continued support.

E ku'upau kākou!

Answering Your Questions

Will KS Maui be tracking haumāna using GPS?

Kamehameha Schools is planning to bring on board contact tracing devices in the form of wearable cards offered through SaferMe. For KS Maui, this could happen in the third quarter, however, we do not have a definitive rollout timetable yet because of limited supplies available from the vendor.

These cards are NOT equipped with GPS and do not track locations or personal information. Instead, the cards use Bluetooth technology to record whenever the wearer comes close to another cardholder.

Why is KS Maui planning to use this?

As part of our protocol to keep our campus safe, when a haumāna, kumu or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, we conduct contact tracing to determine which individuals may have been in close contact. While our current method of contact tracing is effective, it can result in us placing a whole bus of haumāna or a whole classroom of keiki on quarantine.

SaferMe will make contact tracing more accurate, allowing us to avoid having large groups of haumāna stay home for 10 days. It will increase the accuracy of close contact information gathered and assist in the prevention of larger outbreaks.

The Kapālama campus is further along on their rollout. To read their FAQ about these devices, [visit here](#).

Are staff being terminated if they are not vaccinated?

We have not terminated any employees because of their vaccination status. KS Maui supervisors have communicated individually with staff members who are not yet registered as vaccinated, which makes up a small percentage of our learning community. These limahana were notified that KS Leadership is requiring all staff to be registered as vaccinated by the end of the first semester (Dec. 17, 2021). Those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or religious reasons can apply for an exemption. We value the contribution that all our employees make to our learning community, and that is why we are working closely with those individuals who are not yet registered.

Why do spectators to athletics events need to be vaccinated?

The Maui Interscholastic League (MIL) announced last week guidelines for a limited number of spectators at athletic events. These guidelines were developed in consultation with athletics directors from the various public and private schools on Maui. As part of its guidelines, the MIL has specified that full vaccination is a requirement. As an MIL participating school, we are obliged to follow the lead of our athletics league.

The MIL continues to discuss further adjustments to their spectator policy. We will be working closely with them to ensure that KSM 'ohana are given an opportunity to see their keiki compete on the field, court and track.

Will you be offering a distance learning option?

Our current learning model is centered around full, in-person learning because we believe that this is how haumāna can best thrive — when they are fully immersed in their learning environment with their peers. However, to help keep haumāna connected if they happen to be on quarantine, new [OWL Pro camera devices](#) have been set-up in classrooms to assist with synchronous learning. Lower and Upper Division Heads, along with your haumana’s kumu, will communicate with you about how to take advantage of this Learning Continuity option.



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