

EWC Update for March 22

- As we advised yesterday, this update will be sent daily to convey essential information and to help keep you informed as the situation in Hawaii rapidly changes. We will endeavor to send the **EWC Daily Update at 3pm via Rave**. If you know of anyone in EWC housing who is not receiving these messages, please contact housing@eastwestcenter.org.
- Many of you are closely monitoring the actions and statements of Hawaii's State authorities. We encourage you to continue doing so because the State directives apply to all of us. To see the Governor's latest directive about quarantine protocols for new visitors, please see <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/march-22-covid-19-daily-update-governors-order-for-self-quarantine-of-all-travelers-to-hawaii/>
- We encourage you to sign up for the Hawai'i Department of Health daily updates. Once you sign up, these updates go straight to your email inbox. Sign up here (scroll down to the bottom of the page where it says "subscribe here": <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/status-updates/>
- In other countries and some locations in the US, where there is widespread infection, the local authorities have put in place a "lockdown" or "shelter in place" order. We encourage everyone in our EWC community to think about how to prepare for that. For example, try to stock up on 14 days of supplies. We do not know if this will happen in Hawaii, but if it did, everyone would have to comply including residents and EWC staff.
- Many residents have departed and others continue to return home. We continue to sit at 45% occupancy rate across EWC housing and will update you as this changes. The EWC has strongly encouraged a reduced occupancy rate to enable improved social-distancing practices for all those residents and students who have decided to stay with us during this global crisis. We have no plans to close our housing.
- We recognize that some areas in our housing have more residents than other areas. If you would like to move to a less densely populated area of the building for purposes of social distancing, please email housing@eastwestcenter.org. All requests of this nature will be seriously considered. All decisions about moving rooms will be taken by EWC staff in the interests of protecting all residents and EWC staff.
- We encourage you to take protective measures now to keep yourself healthy. This includes encouraging people around you to stay calm and focus on keeping their physical distance, washing hands frequently with soap, and wiping down the surfaces that you use. We must all work together to fight COVID-19.
- **Resources:** this section will be a permanent feature of the EWC Daily Update. If there are any new links to information, we will notify you.
 - EWC FAQs including what to do if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
 - CDC info about symptoms and protecting yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html>
 - Hawaii Department of Health status updates: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/>
 - EWC housing contact email, which is regularly and frequently monitored by EWC staff: housing@eastwestcenter.org.