

EWC Update for March 25

- **COVID-19 notifications:** We understand the strong desire to know about COVID-19 cases close to home. The East-West Center will notify residents when we are officially advised of any confirmed cases in our residential community. In the event of a confirmed case, the EWC will work under the direction of the Hawaii Department of Health and abide by their guidelines and directives. At present, there are no known COVID-19 cases in our EWC residential community.
- **What happens if there is a confirmed case?** Our current understanding from the Hawaii Department of Health is that any action taken (including notifications) is case-specific. So please note that while it is our intention to be as transparent as possible for the purpose of supporting the health and well-being of our community, the EWC must act within all state and federal laws at all times. For more information check out our FAQs, which we continue to update as information becomes available.
- **Protective Measures:** Remember that any one of us could be a carrier. We expect all residents to take all possible protective measures at all times (see the **attached** poster about “social distancing”). Do not wait for a positive COVID-19 case before doing everything you can to protect yourself and others. If we act now, we can flatten the curve and help prevent our hospitals from being overwhelmed.
- **Zero Tolerance Housing Policy:** Please be advised that, for the safety and wellbeing of all our students, residents, and staff during this crisis, all EWC COVID-19 policies must be complied with at all times. Any person residing at EWC housing who fails to comply with EWC directives will be subject to disciplinary action and could face eviction from EWC housing and grounds. Any disciplinary action taken by EWC staff will be in full accordance with the [Housing Resident Conduct Code](#). We decided to keep the dorms open because so many of you expressed a need to remain during this global crisis. To ensure we can remain open, the EWC will not tolerate any behavior that jeopardizes the health and wellness of others.
- **Elevators:** As of today, Weds March 25, use of the elevators will be limited to no more than two residents at a time and residents must stand at opposite sides of the elevator. Please also be patient as you wait for the elevators and keep a safe distance away from others who are waiting.
- **Resources:** this section is 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://hawaiicovid19.com/>
 - EWC housing contact email, which is regularly and frequently monitored by EWC staff: housing@eastwestcenter.org.