

EWC Daily Update May 29

- **Returning Students:** As noted in a recent Daily Update, the East-West Center has given special consideration to some requests to return to housing in exceptional circumstances. To ensure the safety of all current residents, strict procedures have been put in place, following state guidelines, for these individuals. As previously stated, the Center is currently not taking new reservations and is not allowing students to return to the dormitories except in these exceptional cases and under strictly observed processes. We take seriously our commitment to a safe living and working environment in our EWC residence halls. We will inform those in the shared unit of any new or returning students in advance.
- **Weekly Messages:** As of June 1, the EWC will transition from a daily update to a weekly update, which will be sent on Thursday afternoon at 3:00pm. Urgent matters will be communicated as needed outside of the weekly messages.

Resources

- **COVID-19 FAQs and Emergency Contacts:**
 - EWC FAQs including what to do if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
 - EWC Housing contact email, which EWC staff regularly and frequently monitor: housing@eastwestcenter.org.
 - EWC Housing phone number: 944-7960. For reports on matters of immediate concern, such as residents not complying with social distancing rules or smoking in the building, we urge you to call rather than email, even during working hours.
- **Mental Health:**
 - “Mental Health Awareness: Keeping Your Screen Time Healthy,” from the BBC: <https://www.bbc.com/news/newsbeat-52712532>
 - “How to Stay Optimistic When Everything Seems Wrong,” from the New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/29/smarter-living/coronavirus-how-to-stay-optimistic-.html>
 - Resources for staying well from Kaiser Permanente, with self-care tools, tips, and activities: https://healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/health-wellness/mental-health/tools-resources?kp_shortcut_referrer=kp.org/selfcare
 - Information about keeping healthy and boosting your immune system: <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention>
 - EWC Participant Association mental health and stress relief list: https://content.getrave.com/content/5958154/b0e6c8eb-04ae-4fda-8b24-c52d32318225/8d91da0e-b462-4c5b-815f-570227036179/Support_Resources_for_EWC_Students.pdf
- **Other Useful Information:**

- Gov. Ige's reopening strategy: [https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/EMBARGOED Gov Reopening-Presentation-Slide-Deck 18-May-2020-1206-PM.pdf](https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/EMBARGOED_Gov_Reopening-Presentation-Slide-Deck_18-May-2020-1206-PM.pdf)
- "How to Work from Home – Comfortably," from the BBC: <https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20200508-how-to-work-from-home-comfortably-ergonomic-tips-covid-19>
- Social Distancing: How to approach those not taking social distancing seriously: <https://time.com/5819816/coronavirus-social-distancing/>
- Hawai'i: State of Hawai'i Department of Health updates, resources and information (now available in 8 different languages): <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/>
- Hawai'i: Resource from Oahu Community Resilience with information, links, and FAQs: <https://www.oneoahu.org>
- Symptoms: CDC information about symptoms and protecting yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html>
- Emergency Planning: The CDC has put together [this guide](#) for emergency planning
- Cybersecurity: Info about scams related to COVID-19: <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/current-activity/2020/03/06/defending-against-covid-19-cyber-scams>