

EWC Housing Weekly Update June 3

Indoor masking still required: Please note that the EWC's indoor mask requirement remains unchanged. All EWC residents/students must wear masks/face coverings in all public spaces of EWC residence halls. Public spaces are any area where you may encounter another person, such as kitchens, bathrooms, elevators, lounges, laundry rooms, hallways, and the front desk lobby. The change in the outdoor masking requirement announced by the governor last week has led to carelessness about indoor masking. This is dangerous to our community, as only about half of the Hawai'i population has been fully vaccinated and new, more infectious, variants add to the potential for transmission.

Encouraging others to mask up: If you observe a fellow resident to be in violation of the mask policy, a good first step is to have a conversation with the resident about the importance of adhering to the COVID-19 house rules. They might just need a reminder!

If the resident is not receptive, or they continue to violate the mask policy, please contact the Hale Mānoa front desk (944-7960) and/or housing@eastwestcenter.org.

Please remember that you also can reach out to your Education Program coordinator as a next or additional step.

EWC rules to control COVID-19:

- Face coverings must be worn in all indoor public spaces (as described above).
- Social distancing is required in *both* outdoor and indoor settings.
- Masks/face coverings are no longer required in *outdoor* areas of the EWC (though they are encouraged for gatherings).
- Social gatherings of up to five (5) people are now permitted in interior public spaces of the EWC (lobbies, lānai, lounges, and so on). Masks and social distancing still *required*.
- An updated version of the EWC COVID-19 Housing Rules can be found on the Student Portal [EWC COVID-19 Policy and Resource Site](#).

Resources

- **EWC Notices**
 - [EWC COVID-19 Policy and Resource Site](#)
 - [Burns Hall Temperature Screening Protocol](#)
 - [EWC Housing Travel Policy Effective May 16, 2021](#)
 - **Positive Covid-19 Test, Symptoms - Procedure for EWC Students**
- **Covid-19 FAQs and Emergency Contacts:**
 - EWC FAQs: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) or the [EWC COVID-19 Policy and Resource Site](#)

- 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:**
 - [Managing Stress](#), from the American Heart Association.
 - Link to UH Mānoa [Counseling and Student Development Center](#).
 - Link to Hawaii Adult Mental Health Division, including CARES hotline: <https://health.hawaii.gov/amhd/>.
 - 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: [Support Resources for EWC Participants](#)
- **Other Useful Information:**
 - [Hawai'i vaccination strategy](#)
 - Honolulu Re-Opening Strategy: [Tier-System Infographic](#)
 - Hawai'i: State of Hawai'i Department of Health updates, resources and information (now available in 8 different languages): <https://hawaiicovid19.com/>
 - Hawai'i: Resource from O'ahu 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/symptoms.html>