

EWC Housing Weekly Update March 3, 2022

COVID-19 Student Advisory Subcommittee: We held our inaugural meeting of this group on Tuesday, March 1. Members include: Ann Hartman and Krystine Ann Cabrera (Co-Coordinator), Cassidy Livingston, Nicholas Coney, Kris Thompson, Sherrie Morinaka, Benjamin Moseley, Luke Walker, Foad Najafi, Ariel Mota Alves, Karima Daoudi, Maggie Ivanova (staff and student members). The group will meet weekly and work closely together *“to provide advisory recommendations and inputs in order to move forward with re-opening while keeping students safe and enhance communications on COVID-19 policies and changes.”* These recommendations and inputs will be conveyed to EWC leadership for final decision-making. We are very excited to be moving forward toward re-opening, working in close coordination with students. If you would like to be involved as a working committee member, please send an email to Krystine Cabrera: kawcabre@hawaii.edu. If you have suggestions, priorities or concerns to share with the Committee, please share them with members listed above (staff or students) or with the Co-Coordinator Dean Ann (hartmana@eastwestcenter.org) and Krystine (email above).

Kitchen chairs added! A first action item for the Committee was the question of chairs in the kitchen. Housing will be adding some chairs to the kitchens as a first step as we consider further policy changes. For now, all other kitchen policies remain the same.

REMINDER: Revised Travel Policy Effective March 14: Beginning March 14, 2022 (U.H. Spring Break), all residents traveling out of state must spend a minimum of **5 days** in either self-isolation or quarantine at Lincoln Hall (*currently, residents must spend a minimum of 10 days in either self-isolation or quarantine at Lincoln Hall*). Residents will be required to take a test (PCR) on day 5 (or, using a packet of two antigen tests, testing on days 3 and 5) and receive a negative result before moving to Hale Mānoa/Hale Kuahine. Please make your reservations before you depart for your travel. If this presents an undue financial hardship, please contact your Program Coordinator. *Note: Failure to follow this policy is cause for immediate termination of your EWC award.*

East-West Center Housing and Imin re-opening plans: Please be advised that the Center will be opening residence halls and Imin Center per the below:

1. **Lincoln Hall:** Re-open to all eligible guests on March 1, 2022. As always, EWC programs receive priority.
 - A minimum of 5 kitchen and 10 studio rooms will always be available for positive cases, individuals with symptoms, and exposed individuals. [NOTE: the amount of kitchen rooms required may fluctuate depending on the virility of an outbreak]
2. **Hale Mānoa/Hale Kuahine:** Open only to EWC graduate students through May 13, 2022 (end of U.H. Spring Semester). Open to all EWC programs beginning May 14, 2022. [NOTE: These reservations may be subject to the above Travel Policy if still in effect.] Full vaccination is required in all EWC residence halls.
3. **Imin Conference Center:** Re-open to all eligible events on March 1, 2022. Imin events will comply with all city, county and state guidelines and requirements, as well as any additional EWC regulations.

Boosters Survey: Please be on the lookout for a survey regarding Boosters and please respond ASAP!

Vaccination and booster sites:

- Hawai'i: hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine/
- National: www.vaccines.gov/search/

Resources

- **EWC Notices**
 - [EWC COVID-19 Policy and Resource Site](#)
 - [Positive COVID-19 Test, Symptoms - Procedure for EWC Students](#)
 - [Current Off-Island Travel Policy \(in effect thru 3/13/22\)](#)
 - [New Off-Island Travel Policy \(in effect on 3/14/22\)](#)
- **COVID-19 FAQs and Emergency Contacts:**
 - EWC Policies and Information: [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: **(808) 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](#)
 - 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 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>

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