



Monday, November 6, 2023

Aloha,

On November 1, Hawai'i's COVID case count was at **406,879**.

Please remember, if you are not feeling well, stay home. Your safety and the safety of our patients are our #1 priority.

TODAY'S UPDATES

- **QHS Census:** This morning, we were caring for **10** COVID patients across our system.
- The **Employee Health** hotline hours have been revised to Monday-Sunday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Clinic hours will remain 6:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- As a reminder you can find the latest COVID guidance [here](#).

PREVIOUS UPDATES

- **QHS Flu Shot Campaign:**
 - **The Queen's Medical Center Punchbowl (Manamana):**
 - Employee Health Clinic from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday), Emergency Department (after-hours only and not during change of shift), POB pharmacies (business hours)
 - For off-site ambulatory areas accommodations, please contact Celeste Barstis, Stephanie Oakley or Gavin Sanjume
 - **The Queen's Medical Center-West Oahu:**
 - Employee Health (Sullivan Care Center, 2nd floor) from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., POB pharmacies (business hours)
 - Available on 3rd Floor for after hours, weekends, and holidays only
 - For off-site ambulatory areas accommodations, please contact Andrea Santiago
 - **Queen's North Hawaii Community Hospital:**
 - House coordinators will administer on weekends, holidays, and after hours.
 - **Molokai General Hospital:**
 - MGH Outpatient Clinic 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and MGH Emergency Department 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

***please show QHS ID at all vaccination locations**

- We have implemented the following changes to our COVID-19 policies:
 1. Caregivers are required to wear a surgical/procedural masking in all clinical areas. This includes inpatient clinical units, outpatient clinics, nursing stations/hallways/meeting rooms on clinical units, etc.
 2. Caregivers are encouraged to wear a mask in breakrooms when not eating.
 3. Visitors will be encouraged to mask and will be offered procedural masks.
 4. Patients will be encouraged to mask and will be offered procedural masks.
- **Visitors:** Children 12 & older are now allowed to visit but must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
- **Breakrooms** in Clinical and Non-Clinical areas at all of our hospitals and ambulatory sites are open for you to eat in. There are no restrictions on the number of staff who can be in the breakrooms or physical distancing spacing requirements.
- The COVID Operations Group has approved the following changes. For additional details, see the [February 15 Exchange memo](#).
 - Patients are allowed visitors two at a time.
 - Thermometers used for temperature screening will be removed from entrances.
 - Masks are no longer required in outdoor spaces and non-clinical buildings.
 - Daily symptom check-in through LumiSight is no longer required.
 - Eye protection is no longer required, unless caring for a patient who requires eye protection as part of their transmission-based precautions.
 - Unvaccinated staff are no longer required to perform weekly COVID surveillance testing. Instead, they must wear an N95 mask (or equivalent) in all clinical buildings.
- **N95 fit-testing** is now being done in the Employee Health clinic from 6:30 am-3:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and the Employee Health Hotline (Kekela Ground Floor door facing the garden) from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm on weekdays and 7:00 am-4:00 pm on the weekends. Please contact (808) 691-8369 if you have any questions.
- **Employee Health:**
 - All staff who are off work due to communicable disease symptoms must be cleared by EH either via LumiSight, the EH Hotline at 808-691-8720 (7:00 am – 4:00 pm, seven days a week), the EH Clinic (6:30 am – 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday), or the Admin Coordinator (nights) before returning to work. At QMC, preschedule with EH at 808-691-4533 when possible.
 - Employee Health Hotline: The EH hotline continues to handle return-to-work clearances, assist those who desire COVID testing, and serve as a resource for staff who have other health-related questions or needs, and provide mental health assessment for our caregivers. Caregiver mental health is important and we encourage you to speak to an Employee Health clinician to discuss how we can support you. Please call 808- 691-8720.
 - For employee community exposures, call 808-691-8720. If there's an in-house exposure, call the appropriate number below for immediate guidance:
 - QMC: 808-691-4004
 - QMC-West: 808-691-3050
 - QNHCH: 808-881-4827 (EH), 808-881-4825 (Infection Control)
 - MGH: 808-553-3121

Mahalo,
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