

FIGHT COVID-19 | GET VACCINATED



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To: All QHS Employees and Medical Staff

From: Jason Chang, QHS Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Subject: **Queen's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics – Blaisdell and QCC Updates**

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Aloha everyone.

Mahalo to all of you for your continued commitment to our patients and the community during this pandemic. Our effort to vaccinate our caregivers, community health care providers, kupuna 75 and older, and frontline essential workers against COVID-19 has been widely praised due to your boundless compassion and tireless work. What we have accomplished under trying circumstances won't soon be forgotten.

Queen's is like many health care organizations across the country, willing and ready to administer more vaccine doses than the current supply allows. We would love nothing more than to be able to provide 4,000 doses or more each day. Unfortunately, the vaccine inventory remains low and severe winter weather on the mainland is causing further delays in deliveries.

As a result, our vaccination schedule has been reduced. We are making adjustments based on availability of doses and to ensure we are operating efficiently. At the Blaisdell clinic, we have transitioned kupuna who had first-dose appointments scheduled this week to our Saturday, February 20, calendar. They will be joining those who are scheduled to return February 20 for their second dose, and we look forward to vaccinating all of these individuals.

Meanwhile, our Queen's Conference Center clinic continues to honor appointments that have already been scheduled for this week. **No appointments are being canceled at this time.**

For our caregivers, who want to continue inoculating members of our community and building that layer of protection, any slowdown is heartbreaking. Our teams are anxious to move forward with mass vaccination as soon as we can get more doses in hand. We continue to closely monitor our vaccine supply and eagerly await deliveries from the mainland so we can increase our scheduling.

Keeping you updated is very important to us. We hope to report better news about vaccine shipments soon.

Mahalo.

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