

FIGHT COVID-19 | GET VACCINATED



Date: January 8, 2021

To: All QHS Employees and Medical Staff

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Chang".

Subject: **COVID Vaccinations**

Over the past three weeks, we have successfully vaccinated 6,000 of our employees and community partners from COVID-19. I consider it a privilege to have been the first hospital in Hawai'i to receive the vaccine and to now be able to offer this important layer of protection to our entire 'Ohana. We're at a turning point in this pandemic and I feel so proud that our team is leading the way.

It has been an amazing effort, but we still have a way to go before we reach our desired level of immunity throughout The Queen's Health Systems.

If you have not been vaccinated yet, please consider doing so immediately. While we have received more than our expected allocation of doses, I'm afraid that waiting will leave many unable to access the vaccine when they desire.

Some may think we'll keep a stockpile of doses reserved, but that seems very unlikely. Next week, we expect to receive the last of our large shipments before the vaccines are diverted for the wider community. The shipments we receive after that will be designated for 2nd doses.

Health care workers have been given priority access to the COVID-19 vaccine, which is a powerful shield against the virus. We fought to ensure that everyone in the Queen's 'Ohana was considered an essential health care worker.

Although not mandatory, I strongly encourage you to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Your health and safety are our greatest concern.

Mahalo!