



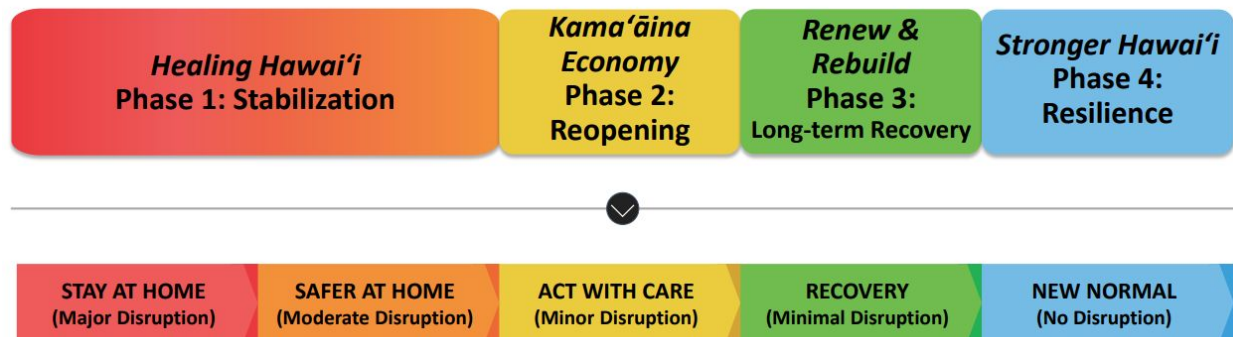
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Dear LCPCS Community,

After many weeks of uncertainty, the Governor's Office and Hawaii Department of Education have begun to provide some details regarding safe practices for the reopening of schools. The Governor's Office has released the [Governor's Roadmap to Recovery and Resilience](#) which color-coded COVID-19 stages as follows:

State Roadmap to Recovery and Resilience



This link is also available on the school website: lcpcs.org

All of Hawaii is currently in the Kama'aina Phase 2.

In response to the Governor's plan, and guidance from the Hawaii Department of Health and the US Centers for Disease Control, and the Hawaii Department of Education (HiDOE) has released the following [Guidance for Reopening Schools](#) based on our current status.

This link is also available on the school website: lcpcs.org.

Some of the most notable constraints listed include:

- Class size, dining, and transportation restricted based on social distancing requirements of 6 square feet
- Student "bubbles", wherein students are to remain with the same group of peers and adults throughout their school school day
- Masks advised
- Minimize sharing of classroom supplies
- Increase health screenings and campus hygiene
- Limiting campus visitors

The Hawaii Department of Education followed the [Guidance for Reopening Schools](#) with the [Return to Learn: School Reopening Plan](#), also available on lcpcs.org.

Following the Governor's and HiDOE plans, HiDOE and the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission (SPCSC) have tasked charter schools with planning instruction for three potential realities, each plan is based on social distancing, contact tracing, and best practices for health and safety as outlined by the Department of Health and CDC.

Currently, LCPCS is preparing for each as follows:

- A. On Campus Instruction: This will be possible if we were to reach Phases 3 (green) or 4 (blue). All students and staff would return to campus. Safety guidance would be followed accordingly.
- B. Blended/Staggered: For Phase 2 (yellow). Student instructional time would be divided between campus and home. Digital and printed resources, and well as traditional face to face instruction would be utilized. Strict guidance regarding social distancing on campus and while riding school transportation would be followed. Extensive health and safety requirements would be followed.
- C. Distance Learning: For Phase 1 (Red/Orange) All instruction would be done either virtually or through printed materials.

For all three plans attendance and assessment for the purpose of grading must be conducted.

Also for each plan, the school calendar has been modified to provide additional Health and Safety training for faculty and staff to start the school year. September 17 and November 4th, originally scheduled as non-student professional development days, will instead be as regular school days for staff and students. The first student day of the 2020-2021 school year will now be August 6th.

As we are currently in Phase 2, the Blended/Staggered model is likely our plan to open school.

Some key elements of this model are:

- Approximately half of students to be on campus daily, while the other half is to be learning online or through printed materials
- Planning for 13 or fewer students at a time per classroom with one teacher to meet social distancing requirements
- Blue/Gold scheduling based on CDC guidelines for classroom size
- Blue students will be on campus Mondays and Wednesdays, Gold students to be on campus Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Fridays to alternate between Blue and Gold students
- Transportation consistent with Blue/Gold days
- Social distancing requirements for transportation may result in multiple bus/and van runs each morning and afternoon.
- Social distancing requirements outlined by the HiDOE to be followed during school transportation
- Daily temperature checks will be performed on all students and staff before entering campus.
- Students displaying symptoms will be directed to the supervised Health room to await parent pickup.
- Health room will be expanded to provide social distancing
- Instruction plan for all learning to go through online platforms, students at home to complete the same online tasks as students on campus each day. Printed materials to be consistent with online instruction
- Printed material to be supplied for families with connectivity issues
- School devices to be checked out to families as needed
- Masks will be provided to students and staff by LCPCS and are to be worn whenever it is determined that they would not interfere with learning
- Learning supply basics (notepads, pens, pencils, etc) will be provided by LCPCS to each elementary and secondary student to minimize student's need to bring personal materials to campus.
- Recesses, breakfast, and lunches to be staggered to provide social distancing. Middle & High Breakfast in Cafe, Elementary breakfast in the classroom.
- Pre-K - 8th-grade lunch in classroom, High school lunch in Cafe.
- Student day will begin with breakfast followed by instruction, recesses, and lunch from 8:00 to 12:30.
- Student dismissal at 12:30
- Blue & Gold team members will be notified via OneCall

Again, this model for Blended/Staggered learning is based on our current status in Phase 2, and is very much subject to change as guidance and mandates for regarding COVID-19 evolve. While the safety of our students, staff, and families must remain our first priority, LCPCS recognizes that any model for instruction that reduces face to face learning is not ideal and presents countless difficulties for the school community. As the situation develops, it is our sincere hope that by August 6th, the reality will have changed to allow for us to have all students present on campus with all necessary safety measures in place.