



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Kalihi Kai Elementary
626 McNeill Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

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Aloha Kalihi Kai Parents and Guardians,

We started our transition to Blended Learning in November and we currently have all grade levels on campus with most students attending class on campus via Blended Learning (2-3 times per week). We continue to closely monitor the National, State, and City-level data on the progress of Covid-19 and the encouraging data has allowed Oahu to move to Tier III. According to the HDOH learning model metric below and corresponding County data, in-person instruction is recommended for Elementary Schools.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/new-metrics-for-school-reopening/>

	Consider a learning model based on the color of your area				
	In-person Learning	Elementary: In-person Learning Secondary: Blended Learning	Blended Learning	Elementary: Blended Learning Secondary: Learning from home	Learning from home
7-day Daily Average Per 100,000 population	0-2.0	2.1-5.0	5.1-10.3	10.4-15.4	15.5+
Percent Positivity	0-0.99%	1.0%-2.49%	2.5%-5.0%	5.1%-7.5%	>7.5%

Our students have been excited to be back on campus and we know that in-person learning is the most effective form of instruction. **For this reason, we plan to increase the number of students on campus daily.** Layered mitigation strategies will continue to be in place including physical distancing, mandatory masking, cleaning and disinfecting procedures, hand hygiene practices, use of physical barriers, and efforts to minimize the mixing of cohorts when possible. Social distancing measures may limit the number of students that can fit in the classroom and cafeteria at a time. Please expect to remain on the A/B Blended Learning schedule, UNLESS your child's teacher contacts you about attending daily. **Families that chose to remain on Acellus for the 4th quarter, will continue with the Acellus Program. Students likely will not be allowed to change their schedule/learning model (A/B, 100% in-person, Acellus, etc. See different learning models below) during the 4th quarter.** See the UPDATED In-Person Learning schedule below:

INCREASED IN-PERSON LEARNING START DATES:	Different Learning Models:
Group A On-Campus Mondays/Thursdays Group B On-Campus Tuesdays/Fridays Groups A & B will alternate on Wednesdays *Group V On-Campus Monday thru Friday	Blended Learning: Group A or B. Attending school in person 2-3 times per week and learning from home on the remaining days
*New Group V Students Grades 1, 2, 5: March 29, 2021	In-Person Learning: Group V, attending school for face-to-face learning daily
*New Group V Students Grades K, 3, 4: April 5, 2021	Acellus: 100% online learning from home

Please note the school's plan to expand In-Person Learning is based on the assumption that the number of COVID-19 cases in our area remain within the ranges identified by the DOH and CDC as safe. **If the number of COVID-19 cases rise, the new learning model may be delayed and/or rolled back.** Please be sure to review the school's updated plan @kalihikai.org with your child prior to returning to campus.

Sincerely,

Marc Kawahara
Principal