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OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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TO: Complex Area Superintendents, Principals (All), School Health Assistants,  
Student Services Coordinators, Counselors

FROM: Heidi Armstrong   
Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Hawaii Keiki Nurses Available to Help Address COVID-19 Impact**

In partnership with the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene and with the use of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, the Hawaii Keiki (HK) program is expanding to include additional nursing positions to help address the impact of COVID-19 on students and schools.

A total of 33 HK nurses, located in every complex area statewide, are available to support schools with the following services during school year 2020-21:

- COVID-19 school readiness assessment;
- Contingency planning for medically fragile students;
- Rapid response to reported cases at school;
- Training for students and staff to decrease the spread of COVID-19;
- Advice for COVID-19 exposed and positive families; and,
- Telephone hotline and telehealth services.

The HK nurses are a resource for teachers, principals, and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) who have questions related to student health issues. Nursing services are provided to students with no out-of-pocket expense to their families, and interpreters are available if needed. A complete list of HK nurses and their contact information is available at <http://nursing.hawaii.edu/departments/hawaii-keiki-nurses>.

In order to promote the use of the free HK hotline and telehealth services, the attached flyers have been developed for distribution. A postcard for families is being printed by the Reprographic Section for distribution to schools that have at least 50% of their

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students who are eligible for free and or reduced lunch. Flyers in diverse languages are available for reference online at <https://bit.ly/HIDOEtelehealth>.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Ryan, Administrator, School Health Section, at (808) 305-9661 or email at [jennifer.ryan@k12.hi.us](mailto:jennifer.ryan@k12.hi.us).

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Attachments: HK Hotline Flyer for HIDOE State & Complex Staff  
HK Hotline Flyer for Principals, Teachers & Staff  
HK Hotline Flyer for School Health Assistants  
HK Hotline Flyer for Parents, Guardians, and Students

c: Superintendent  
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