

STATE OF HAWAI'I **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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TO: Deputy Superintendent

> **Assistant Superintendents** Complex Area Superintendents

Principals (All)

School Administrative Services Assistants and Secretaries

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Employee Leaves Related to COVID-19

The Department is implementing a robust, comprehensive COVID-19 testing plan that endeavors to protect the health and well-being of everyone. Therefore, there may be times that an employee may have to take a leave of absence due to COVID-19 related matters. Attached is a high-level overview of the current leaves that can be applied toward COVID-19 related leaves of absence.

Employees are encouraged to take the COVID-19 test during non-work hours; however, an employee may request a leave of absence if unable to. As a reminder, an employee must request a leave of absence, and the Administrator approves or disapproves in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement and/or School Code provisions (Certificated).

Important Reminder: If an employee is approved for a leave of absence without pay, please inform the Office of Fiscal Services (OFS), Payroll Office immediately to prevent any overpayments.

For questions related to the current leave of absence provisions, please email cert.trans@k12.hi.us for Certificated employees and email *class.trans@k12.hi.us* for Classified employees.

KTH:gk Attachment

c: OFS, Operations Section Personnel Regional Officers