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TO: Deputy Superintendent
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Interim Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Additionally Approved Acceptable Tests for COVID-19 Weekly Attestations**

On August 5, 2021, Governor David Y. Ige issued an Emergency Proclamation Related to the COVID-19 Response that required all state and county employees to attest to and provide proof of their vaccination status. Effective August 30, 2021, the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) required all employees to be tested for COVID-19 weekly or attest to and provide proof of full vaccination to be exempted from the weekly testing requirement.

For employees submitting their weekly COVID-19 testing attestations in eHR, the Department will now accept certain at-home FDA-authorized COVID-19 tests under video observation that are listed under the State of Hawaii's Safe Travels program. These approved saliva-based tests include the following as noted at www.hawaiiicovid19.com/travel-partners:

- **Costco/AZOVA** – Costco Wholesale, in collaboration with AZOVA, is offering at-home, observed FDA-authorized COVID-19 saliva rt-PCR testing for travelers (Costco members and non-members) for ages five (5) years and older from anywhere in the United States. Tests are delivered via UPS overnight delivery, and electronic shareable results are available in 12 to 48 hours from the time the lab receives the test sample. Crunched for time? Costco has launched an in-Pharmacy COVID-19 testing solution in select markets. Register online and then purchase and pick up your COVID-19 saliva rt-PCR test kit at one of 123 participating Costco pharmacies across the U.S. Information on how to order and pick up your test kit at a participating Costco Pharmacy and pricing can be found here: [Costco-AZOVA Observed Travel Saliva PCR Kit in Participating Pharmacies](#). Information and pricing for ordering your test kit from Costco.com can be found here: [Costco-AZOVA Observed Travel Saliva PCR Test](#).

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- **Vault Health** – At-home tests with real-time audio-visual supervision are available with Vault Health, the first FDA-authorized saliva test. Tests are available for ages five (5) and older. Tests are mailed with accurate results in 72 hours or less. Information and costs can be found at learn.vaulthealth.com/state-of-hawaii.

As a reminder, employees who choose to test weekly are responsible for all incurred costs. Employees should submit the results of the AZOVA and/or Vault tests along with the weekly attestation form according to the established departmental procedure.

Should you have any questions, please email otmhelp@k12.hi.us.

KTH:sb

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