

HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RETURN TO LEARN: SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

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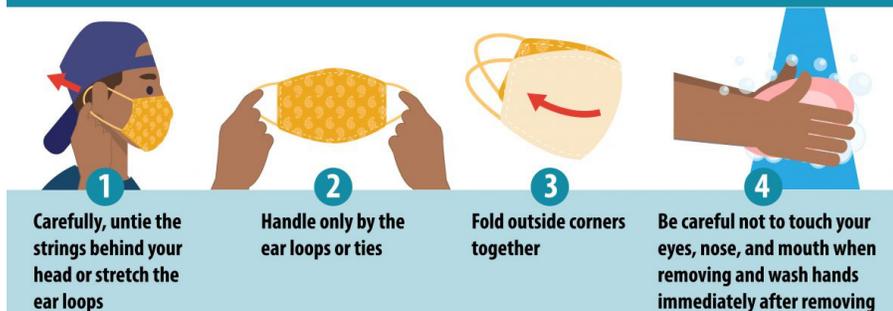
PREVIEW: MASK AND VENTILATION RECOMMENDATIONS PART OF RTL UPDATE

The RTL plan changes are still under review and you deserve to continue enjoying Thanksgiving break. Therefore, a plan update is anticipated for next Friday, Dec. 4 instead of today.

In the meantime, for those who are curious and since the past few newsletters teased a plan update soon, here is a preview of some of the changes.

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) mask recommendations:** CDC representatives who visited schools last week emphasized the need for mask wearing and care education. Below is a graphic from [guidance](#) updated by the CDC today.

How to take off a mask



- **Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) ventilation recommendations:** DOH has released guidance regarding ventilation, which will be included in the Health & Safety Handbook ([click here](#), please see page 12, section C).

Thank you for your continued patience with RTL guidance updates. Feel free to reply to this email with your questions or concerns.

RESOURCES

Need to take a COVID test? You can still find a free location near you at doineedacovid19test.com.

As students, their families, and HIDEOE employees make travel plans for the holiday break, questions have come up regarding requirements when they return. Please [click here](#) for the Nov. 9 memo, "Updated Travel Policy Relating to COVID-19" for more information.

Subscribe to DOH's weekly **Community Bulletin** [here](#). View the latest issue with information about the Department's new social media video updates [here](#).



ICYMI: The COVID-19 Response Team releases a weekly case count update available on the Department's website [here](#). This includes cases involving staff, students and others impacting HIDEOE's facilities.



A delicious Thanksgiving moment from [@KohalaHS](#) (Nov. 25): So thankful for our culinary students, Ms. Figs and Uncle TJ who prepared and served Thanksgiving lunch for all of the KOHALA HS staff today!