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PUBLIC NOTICE

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To be posted at all DHS Licensed or Registered Family Child Care Home, Group Child Care Home, Group Child Care Center, Infant and Toddler Child Care Center, and Before and After School Care Program

To: To All Visitors at Any DHS-Licensed Child Care Facility or Home

Subject: Temporary Suspension of Tuberculosis Clearance Requirements

The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) adopted Emergency Rules relating to Examinations for Tuberculosis (TB) on April 11, 2013, due to a shortage in materials for skin tests for TB. Under the emergency rules, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-164, DOH has temporarily suspended the provision of TB skin testing through the DOH TB Control Program for one hundred twenty (120) days. In light of the shortage and the changes to the DOH rules, the Department of Human Services has adopted emergency rules for child care facilities related to standards of health for children and providers, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, Chapter 897. Under these rules, certain providers and children in care will be screened for TB, but not cleared by skin testing.

All visitors to a child care facility or home licensed or registered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) are hereby provided notice that, due to the temporary suspension of TB skin testing by the DOH TB Control Program, and pursuant to the the implementation of emergency rules by the DOH and DHS, **there may be children and adults who are enrolled, employed, or living in the child care facility or home who have not had a TB clearance.**

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact one of the local DHS Child Care Licensing Offices provided below:

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Oahu

Child Care Licensing Unit 1
Pohulani Elderly Housing Project
677 Queen Street, Room 400A
Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: (808) 587-5266

Child Care Licensing Unit 2
Waipahu Civic Center
94-275 Mokuola Street, Room 203
Waipahu, HI 96797
Phone: (808) 675-0470

East Hawaii

Central Hilo Unit
1990 Kinoole Street, Suite 109
Hilo, HI 96720
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1562, Hilo, HI 96721-1562
Phone: (808) 981-7290

West Hawaii

North Kona 2 Unit
Kona Center
75-5722 Hanama Place, Suite 1105
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
Phone: (808) 327-4755

Maui (includes Lanai & Molokai)

Central Maui Unit
Waiehu Beach Center
270 Waiehu Beach Road, Suite 107
Wailuku, HI 96793
Phone: (808) 243-5866

Kauai

South Unit
Dynasty Court
4473 Pahee Street, Suite G
Lihue, HI 96766
Phone: (808) 241-3660