



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES
HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
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KAILUA, HAWAII 96734

March 13, 2020

To Our Extended Families, Friends & Ohana of the HYCF:

RE: YOUTH & STAFF WELLNESS REGARDING CORONA VIRUS:

In response to the recent COVID-19 (Corona Virus) Pandemic, effective Sunday, March 15, 2020, the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) will be limiting external physical contact with the youth for **all non-personnel/visitors for the next 30 days**.

Therefore, all visits with families have been suspended. The youth are currently being informed and updated daily on the status of the COVID-19 reports. This action is being taken regarding the health and safety of all youth in our care and staff as well.

The HYCF staff members are currently developing a communication plan that will increase phone times for youth, families, and service providers. If you have access to video conferencing equipment, we can accommodate video conferencing sessions. Case workers are also available during business hours to answer any of your questions or concerns you may have.

I want to assure all of you that the health and well-being of your youth and our staff is vital to maintaining a safe environment. Additionally, the youth have been afforded the opportunity for flu shots and have 24-hour access to our Medical Unit.

Hygiene precautions are ongoing to consistently sanitize all common areas. Youth are constantly reminded to wash their hands and to take other universal safe practices such as not sharing utensils/cups and covering coughs and sneezes.

You will be notified if the access extends beyond the 30 days.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 228-8295.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Patterson".

Mark Patterson
Administrator