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COVID-19 Memo #12

Directives, Recommendations and Guidelines from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters (September 10, 2020)

For City and County of Honolulu Only

Memo #12 is mostly for HHMH temples and facilities within the City and County of Honolulu. As of September 10, 2020, modified restrictions are in effect for the City and County of Honolulu. This new order will be in effect until **September 23, 2020**. Please refer to the Mayor's order for details. Some important requirements for Houses of Worship still in effect under this Order include, but not limited to:

- 1) Funerals and related services are permitted, but limited to gatherings of 10 or less with face masks and physical distancing requirements being followed,
- 2) Clergy can chant and (although discouraged) singing and wind instruments are allowed, but there are safety measures which need to be in place like the 10 feet physical distancing requirement.

HQ recommendation: No mass singing like choir singing at temple including the indoor use of wind instruments,

- 3) In-person spiritual services like Sunday Services are allowed, but must follow safety and good hygiene practices like the wearing of masks and physical distancing requirements.

HQ Recommendation: In-person Sunday Services not be held for the duration of this Order as most of our participants are at high risk. The continuance of virtual Sunday services is encouraged.

- 4) In business office break rooms, no social gathering is allowed at all during breaks and lunchtime. Lunch or Break rooms can be used for limited minimal usage only such as warming food with no eating or socializing together in the area, and
- 5) As an Essential Business and for Minimum Basic Operations, Temple offices can remain open, but must follow all the safety and good hygiene requirements.

HQ Recommendation: For larger offices, a staggered work schedule is recommended.

For All Counties: Hawaii County, Maui County, Kauai County and City & County of Honolulu

- 1) Please regularly check the Federal CDC Guidelines, State of Hawaii Governor's including Department of Health and Department of Education guidelines, and also your local County and/or Mayor's websites. As the conditions vary from County to County, it is important that you check your local County and/or Mayor's Websites as different Counties have different guidelines, measures and restrictions.
- 2) If you have reopened, do not feel obligated to remain open. If the situation and circumstances are such, please reconsider holding in-person services. All temples and affiliates are strongly encouraged to offer virtual online services, meetings and seminars, etc.

- 3) Please remember that the State of Hawaii has a travel quarantine which requires all individuals, except those who are exempt, who travel to the neighbor islands from Oahu to quarantine for 14 days.

HQ Recommendation: Interisland travel is not recommended.

- 4) Mindful of parameters, in making our temples vibrant and sound, and to connect with one another and help each other, let us think outside of the box as we try to adjust to this new normal and adjust to ever changing situation with COVID-19 by using modern technology and age-tested methods of safe communication.

Thank you to all ministers and temple leaders and all those connected to our temples who are tirelessly endeavoring to keep our temples and community safe!

In gassho,
Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop & Dr. Warren Tamamoto, State President,
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