



HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII

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COVID-19 Memo #16 **Directives, Recommendations and Guidelines from** **Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters** **(June 13, 2021)**

HQ Recommendations:

1. Please keep updated with the latest directives, recommendations and guidelines by federal, state and county agencies. Please be aware that circumstances and conditions including restrictions and guidelines vary from County to County and thus the importance of also checking your respective County website. Pertinent information can be found by clicking on the following websites:

[Centers for Disease Control](#)
[State of Hawaii](#)
[State Department of Education](#)
[City and County of Honolulu](#)
[County of Kauai](#)
[County of Maui](#)
[County of Hawaii](#)

Please continue to follow safety measures and precautions such as physical distancing, capacity or gathering limits, wearing of masks, use of sanitizers and/or frequent handwashing, refrain from sharing items, and to sanitize and disinfect areas. Please refer to websites for details.

2. It is anticipated that as of June 15, 2021, inter-island air travel restrictions will be lifted by the State of Hawaii. Please use your discretion for inter-island traveling. However, Hawaii Kyodan State Committees, please continue to meet online for the remainder of the year (2021). If a committee needs to have an in-person meeting, please contact Headquarters for consultation and arrangements.
3. Local temple leaders, please use your discretion taking into consideration your ability to ensure safety measures including sanitation and disinfection and the overall sentiment of your membership and temple staff and/or volunteers as to whether you open or not for in-person services, events and activities. If your temple is not ready to reopen, please consider continuing to provide online spiritual services, meetings and events. Another possibility is a hybrid presentation of in-person attendance and online attendance of services, meetings and events.
4. It is anticipated that when the percentage of vaccinations reaches or surpasses 60% and/or 70%, new directives, recommendations and guidelines will be issued by government agencies and thus, please continue to follow the news and/or visit official government websites for the most recent updates.

Vaccination Update

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii encourages every eligible person to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. The vaccine has been shown to be safe and effective. As we protect ourselves, we protect each other. However, this is voluntary, not mandatory. If you have specific questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and your health, please consult with your healthcare provider.

For further information, updates, and registration details regarding vaccinations, please check the following websites:

[State Department of Health Vaccine Information](#)

[City and County of Honolulu](#)

[County of Kauai](#)

[County of Maui](#)

[County of Hawaii](#)

Closing Thought

Finally, mindful of parameters, in making our temples vibrant and sound and to connect with one another and help each other including the larger community, let us think outside of the box as we try to adjust to this ongoing situation and adjust to the still somewhat fluid situation with COVID-19 by using modern technology and age-tested methods of safe communication and good communication. Thank you for tirelessly endeavoring to keep our temples and community operating and safe and your continued effort to share the Buddha-Dharma!

In gassho,

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