

# COVID-19 FAQs

## Answers to Common Questions

### **Will you open after spring break?**

HPA has decided to follow the recommendations from dozens of medical professionals and the CDC to practice social distancing as a method of stemming or slowing the spread of this disease. The school (K-12) will suspend face-to-face classes and will move to distance learning for the two weeks following Spring Break.

### **When do remote classes begin?**

Classes through distance learning will begin on April 1, 2020.

### **What date should students expect to return to campus?**

If experts recommend that gathering in large groups is safe again, regular classes will resume on April 15. However, we are monitoring the situation as it continues to remain fluid. Any change will be based on the information and recommendations gathered to keep our community as safe and healthy as possible. If we are not able to start face-to-face classes on April 15, we will announce the continuation of distance learning by April 1.

### **Is the school currently closed?**

Students and faculty are currently on Spring Break, but staff are working on campus. There is restricted access to campus, only employees and essential visitors are allowed onto campus.

### **Is the school closed for the year?**

The school is not planning to close for the year, and whether we continue face-to-face classes or distance learning, we will complete the academic year and ensure students receive credit for their work and are prepared academically for the following year.

### **Are there still athletic events and practices?**

All athletic events and practices have been suspended, pending further notice from the Hawai'i High School Athletic Association.

### **Has anyone on campus tested positive for COVID-19?**

We have no reason to believe that anyone on our campus has contracted the virus.

### **Are visitors allowed on campus?**

There is restricted access to both campuses. Only employees and essential visitors are allowed onto campus. Only one entrance is open for each campus, anyone needing to visit campus must receive pre-approval from HPA. Please email [safety@hpa.edu](mailto:safety@hpa.edu) for any additional questions about visiting the campus.

**Are your dorms open or are you able to arrange homestays for boarding students, if necessary?**

The dorms remained open to students over Spring Break. However, we are now working diligently to help students get home, or with a family member, for an indefinite period of time. This will allow us to thoroughly clean the campus and residence halls, and practice social distancing until we know when we can join together again as a community. We did not arrange any homestays over break, and we do not recommend homestays during this crisis.

**What would happen if a student returns home and they are not allowed/able to come back to the US to finish the academic year?**

HPA is committed to continuous learning even when we return to face-to-face classes. We know there might be some students who either need to self-isolate prior to returning to campus, or other students might not be able to leave their country. All students unable to return to campus will be able to successfully complete their academic year through continuous learning.

**If a student is unable to complete the school year, can the family expect a partial refund for “the missing time”?**

Our goal is to ensure that instruction continues throughout the semester, either in person or through our continuous learning program. In that case, as long as instruction continues, tuition will not be refunded. Separately, the student will still be responsible for keeping up with their coursework and demonstrate learning to receive credit for their academic work.

**Has there been a message shared from the school on the current steps being taken?**

On top of our consistent communication with our HPA ‘ohana, we have released two videos from our head of school, Patrick J. Phillips, intended for parents and students. You can view that the [March 13](#) video or the [March 18](#) by clicking on the links as well as on our [COVID-19 Resource board](#).

**Have any decisions been made on summer programs?**

No final decisions have been made the Summer at HPA programming because the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is evolving daily. At this point, we are still accepting applications and planning for Summer at HPA to continue as planned. However, we will assess the circumstances closer to the start of the program and inform families based on the health and safety of our summer students and faculty.

Questions regarding summer programs should be submitted to Patty Walker, Director of Auxiliary Programs at: [pwalker@hpa.edu](mailto:pwalker@hpa.edu).