

March 17, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It's important that you know the safety and protection of your children and our staff is the number one priority of Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawaii, especially as we deal with the COVID-19 virus. **In following suit with Hawaii school district, we are adhering to the social distancing guidance from the Hawaii Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and have made the very difficult decision to close all Club locations on Oahu and Kauai, effective end of day today through March 27, 2020.**

We fully understand the implications our closure has on both your child and your family, and we will update you with additional information as soon as possible, including **if we will need to close for a longer period of time, past the March 27, 2020 date. Please check our website often for updated information:**

[www.bgch.com](http://www.bgch.com) under the SAFETY FIRST tab.

In the meantime, we are working on the following during this closure period:

- The Clubs and vehicles will be deep cleaned and sanitized in preparation for re-opening.
- BGCH is working with government agencies and HiDOE to obtain information on the following:
  - Continuation of school lunch programs during school shut-down;
  - Emergency funding to support families and individuals;
  - Broadening eligibility to qualify for unemployment income;
  - Long term plans to stabilize education in the event schools must remained closed.
- BGCH is looking at developing virtual programming to engage our youth members from home where possible.
- Club staff are gathering together resources and activities that your child(ren) may work on at home.

We are advising all our Club staff, families and youth continue to take preventative measures as recommended by the CDC. Should you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact your Club Director.

As always, our commitment to our Club members and their families is unwavering. Thank you for being our partner as we navigate through this unprecedented situation together. The National Child Traumatic Stress Network offers a [Parent/Caregiver guide](#) for COVID-19 with more helpful information for families.

Please take care and know how much all of us at BGCH care about your children and your family. We will get through this crisis together!

Sincerely,  
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