

March 25, 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), BGCH will continue our clubhouse closures through April 30, 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 April 30, 2020 date. Please check our website often for updated information:**

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

**We want to hear from you!** If you would be willing to share any challenges or difficulties you and your family are experiencing as a result of this pandemic, we are here for you. Many community partners and supporters are asking how they can support and we'd love to pass along your feedback. Please contact your club, or me, when you can.

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

- The Clubs and vehicles have been deep cleaned and sanitized in preparation for re-opening.

• **BGCH has created virtual programming to engage our youth members from home!** We rolled out the first programming on Monday, March 23, 2020! If you are not receiving information on these opportunities, please contact your club immediately. If you haven't checked out the virtual programming from your children's favorite BGCH mentors...please look at your club's virtual weekly schedule! Your club staff have been hard at work to create virtual programming that is both engaging and educational. We will continue to refine and improve as we learn more about what it takes to engage, inspire and safely mentor our youth and teens. It is critical that we continue these services so that our members know they are still a priority and we care about them, even if we can't be with them in person.

- If you have challenges with connectivity, including reliable WiFi connections and technology like smart phones, tablets, laptops and computer, please let us know that as well. We may have resources which can help!
- We are excited to share that starting as early as next week we will be rolling out to our parents, guardians, and the community our new and improved Safety First page! This page will have lots of great tools including how to access educational resources for your children and virtual BGCH programming for each site. We will make sure to include links to each clubhouse so that you know what's happening weekly at your local clubhouse and to keep your children connected and engaged with their friends and BGCH caring adult mentors during these uncertain and ever



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changing times. We hope to continue to be a safe and fun place you can count on, for your children to thrive and grow.

- Club staff are gathering together resources and activities that your child(ren) may work on at home.
- We are partnering with Hawaii Food Bank and other community organizations to utilize our clubhouses as distribution centers. We look forward to sharing food and other supplies with our communities. More information is coming soon!

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.

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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President & CEO