

UNIVERSITY OF THE NATIONS KONA || YWAM KONA

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As of this evening, University of the Nations Kona (UofNK) has 26 confirmed cases of COVID-19 on our campus. Four of these cases are travel related and 22 are due to the local Kona community spread. Travel related cases were tested and isolated immediately upon arrival.

Targeted contact tracing has shown UofNK staff contracted COVID-19 from the ongoing community spread in Kailua-Kona. Once aware of possible exposure, the University immediately isolated all related individuals, rapid and PCR tested, and suspended all in person activities except for essential services.

Since September, the UofNK has been operating at a Safer at Home level. All classes and operational activities have been conducted through digital platforms. Mayor Harry Kim's Office has requested today that we increase our internal alert level to Stay at Home, with all campus residents (staff and students) voluntarily self isolating. Only essential workers such as food service and security will be allowed on campus.

DOH has been advising the Campus Medical Team since August and will conduct an additional review of UofNK quarantine measures at the request of the Mayor's Office. This review will take place early next week between October 5th-7th. Although 80% of our campus body has already been tested, the Mayor has requested for all campus residents to be retested as a precautionary measure. We will immediately implement this next step and value the Mayor's assistance and support.

UofNK has been operating at below 40% capacity which is well below CDC Guidelines for Universities and Colleges. We believe this increased step of self isolation in addition to our temporary suspension of activities is prudent and appropriate. We know that the virus is an unseen threat and we wish to assure our Island Community that we are treating the current rise in cases with the highest level of attention.

The University is doing everything to assist individuals in isolation and quarantine. We are happy to report everyone is doing well with minor symptoms. We want everyone on campus and

our friends in Kailua-Kona to be confident of our protocols. We are committed to caring for our Island Ohana.

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COVID 19 Updates at <https://ywamkona.org/covid-19/>

ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF THE NATIONS KONA (UofNK)

University of the Nations Kona is a global movement of Christians from many cultures, age groups, and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world.