


## OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

December 20, 2021

### MEMORANDUM

To: David Ige, Governor, State of Hawai'i  
Elizabeth Char, Director, Hawaii Department of Health  
Adjutant General, Major General Kenneth Hara

From:  Josh Green, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

Subject: Recommendation on Mass Booster and Testing Sites

Governor Ige and Director Char,

Over the past two weeks, Hawai'i's case counts, positivity rates and hospitalizations have increased exponentially, following a troubling national trend. Early data suggests that booster shots are not only essential to combat waning immunity, but also for additional protection from the highly infectious omicron variant. However, only 22% of Hawaii's residents have received a booster shot, leaving many of our residents still at significant risk.

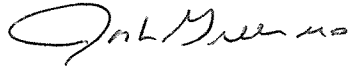
To limit the impact of the current surge on our community, I would like to recommend the following:

- 1. Offer Mass Booster and Testing Sites in Each County December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.** Offering an easy way for residents to be boosted and tested has the potential to significantly reduce hospitalizations resulting from holiday gatherings expected in the coming weeks. Efforts this week will save our hospitals in the coming weeks.
- 2. Mandated Time Off.** Socioeconomic disparities in vaccination rates are expected to be exacerbated in booster rollouts. To maximize the number of people we can reach, employees should be given time off for boosters by mandate.
- 3. Plan for Two Additional Days of Mass Booster Clinics.** Moderna's results show that a 50 microgram booster raised antibody levels 37-fold compared with pre-boost levels.

Offering widely publicized booster clinics that can offer shots to thousands of people each day will dramatically increase our State's level of protection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

Josh Green, M.D.  
Lieutenant Governor

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