

HAWAII POTTERS GUILD
CORONAVIRUS NOTICE #2

Today, Governor Ige issued new guidance to keep the coronavirus from spreading. Among other things, he asks that gatherings be limited to 10 people or less, that all non-essential workers work from home and that bars, clubs, theaters, entertainment centers and visitor attractions be closed, and all worship services and activities be suspended.

I was hoping that we would not need to close HPG but after today's guidance from the Governor, the Executive Committee of the Board has made the difficult decision to close the studio for two weeks beginning Sunday, March 22 through April 4th. We will update you if a longer closure becomes necessary through another email update, posting on our website and on our social media.

During the closure students and members will not have access to the studio. To account for this two-week closure, the studio calendar will be adjusted. The spring session will now end on June 7. The summer session will begin on June 8 and run through August 16. The summer interim session will be shortened to 4 weeks and will run from August 17 through September 13. If we have to extend the closure based on further government restrictions, we will continue to move the calendar back further into interim if necessary.

Please continue to take steps to protect yourself and others:

- a. Clean your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer
- b. Avoid close contact – no hugs or handshakes but maybe a shaka or smile instead
- c. Stay home if you are sick, are experiencing symptoms consistent with coronavirus, have been exposed to someone with coronavirus, or think you have been exposed to someone with coronavirus
- d. If you have travelled to coronavirus a hot spot, or otherwise think you may have been exposed please follow the CDC recommendation to self-quarantine
- e. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and immediately dispose of the tissue
- f. Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth

For more information about the coronavirus, please see the federal and state links below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/advisories/novel-coronavirus-2019/>

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but I would prefer that everyone stay healthy and live long lives. Please continue to reach out to those who are in need, check in with those who may be living alone by phone and be kind to one another. I look forward to welcoming all of you back to the studio when we re-open.

Mahalo,
Janet Kelly
HPG President