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## Community Care Foster Family Home Program

Aloha CCFFH Operators,

Below are updates and specific information about the CCFFH program that you need to be aware of. A copy of this newsletter can be found on our website using the link to the right. You are responsible for reading and adhering to the content.

### Tuberculosis Clearance Requirements Reinstated

<https://health.hawaii.gov/tb/>

Routine TB clearance requirements had been waived temporarily through May 31 to support COVID-19 social distancing and mitigation efforts. The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) has resumed issuing clearances and now offers phone and email clearance for many people who may be eligible.

Licensed and certified health care facilities are allowed a "grace period" to catch up on their TB clearances. All facilities should use due haste to catch up in order to safeguard patients but a grace period of no later than September 30, 2020, shall be allowed.

DOH encourage everyone to call in advance to learn how to best use the services and obtain their clearance as conveniently as possible for childcare, school or work." Individuals seeking clearance may call the nearest office (below) to see if they qualify for a telephone clearance assessment or to make an appointment for a TB clearance. Calls are taken 7:45 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, except for holidays.

Tuberculosis Clearance Update



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Our website address to find forms, information and helpful tools:

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OHCA website for posted surveys

<http://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/inspection-reports/>

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**Kaua'i** 241-3387

### **TB clearance by email**

To request a TB clearance by email, go to <https://health.hawaii.gov/tb> for instructions on completing a request to send to [DOH.tbclearance@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:DOH.tbclearance@doh.hawaii.gov). DOH will provide an e-mail or phone response to requests within one business day. Some people may be eligible to obtain a TB clearance without having to come into the clinic.

### **Walk-in services**

Walk-in services are still available at the Lanakila Health Center TB Clinic located at 1700 Lanakila Ave. in Honolulu but are reserved for kupuna and health care workers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Call 832-5733 for more information.

Public Health Nursing Offices no longer have walk-in clinics for TB clearances.

The full press release was posted on the Office of Health Care Assurances website on June 10, 2020 regarding TB clearances.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/news/newsroom/tuberculosis-tb-clearance-requirements-reinstated/>

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