Hōkūlani Imaginarium
COVID 19 Mitigation Plan
effective December 1, 2021

Introduction

Hōkūlani Imaginarium, which is located on the Windward Community College campus, is an 88-seat planetarium that provides fulldome shows featuring natural sciences, history, culture, Hawaiian studies, geography, and storytelling as well as “live sky” astronomy talks to UH students, K-12 schools and the general public, thereby fitting the Honolulu County definition of “Movie Theater” and “Indoor-seated entertainment” per Emergency Order 2021-15 (last updated October 27, 2021).

The Hōkūlani COVID-19 Mitigation Plan meets the requirements of Emergency Order 2021-15 for a covered entity including Movie Theater and Indoor-seated entertainment as well as the COVID-19 Guidelines (Interim) established by the UH system.

As one of the 10 campuses of the University of Hawaii (UH) system, WCC has formulated campus specific protocols based upon information from leading agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the State of Hawai‘i Department of Health. The University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges Guidelines and WCC Re-opening Taskforce and Subcommittees reports were also used to formulate the campus specific protocols. Maintaining and protecting the health and safety of all members of the campus community including its Career and Community Education patrons is our primary goal.

Towards that end the following measures and protocols are in place that meet WCC and UH safety goals as well as the County of Honolulu Emergency Order 2021-15 requirements for covered entities including Movie Theaters and Indoor-seated Entertainment.

COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing and Other Requirements

- ALL INDIVIDUALS (i.e., students, employees, visitors) WHO ARE ON CAMPUS TO CONDUCT UH BUSINESS must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo weekly COVID-19 testing.
- All patrons attending the Hōkūlani Imaginarium must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination with matching identification prior to admittance to the scheduled event. Until further notice, children 11 years of age and under do not require vaccination when accompanied by a teacher, chaperone or parent.
- An individual is fully vaccinated two weeks after their last vaccination shot.
- Individuals who receive their vaccination are required to upload their COVID-19 documentation into the LumiSight UH mobile application or website. For those who use the mobile app on their smartphone/device, click on “Health” and then “Vaccination History.” Those using the website, click on “Vaccine” in the upper left-hand corner or complete a paper form at the Hōkūlani Imaginarium’s box office.
- Face coverings are required at all times while attending an event in the Hōkūlani Imaginarium.
Seating and capacity

- Effective November 3, 2021 the Hōkūlani Imaginarium may operate at its full 88-seat capacity. This includes four reserved areas for wheelchairs.
- Assigned seating is required to promote at least 3-foot social distancing between attendees.
- To accomplish social distancing, as reservations are received, specific seats will be assigned for individuals or family groups (up to five who can sit next to each other). Succeeding reservations will ensure that individuals or groups are assigned seats at least three feet away from each other.

Sign-In Data

- Sign-in data will be collected through a reservation’s procedure which records the name, telephone number, and email address of persons reserving one or more seats. The record for each event will be maintained for a minimum of 28 days. The data can be made available to State and City Health officials upon request but will otherwise be kept confidential.
- Public shows are scheduled monthly – 2 shows on the first Friday of the month at 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm; 2 shows on 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm and a “live sky” star talk on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The monthly calendar of shows is advertised on the Hōkūlani Imaginarium’s website and newsletter, as well as Midweek, the Star Advertiser and other local publications very much like other local theaters. Reservations are not required until the week of the show. Consequently, it is not possible to know if there are 50 or more people requesting reservations ten days in advance. Many shows do not meet 50% capacity. Thus, individual mitigation plans should not be required for every change in scheduled show.
- A 14” by 20” sign will be posted in a glass enclosed case mounted on the left side of the Imaginarium ticket booth as well as on the website to alert patrons to the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for admission to the planetarium.
- Any and all disputes relevant to the procedures for admittance to a scheduled show will be referred to campus security.

Enter and Exit

- Patrons will enter the Imaginarium through the front door located to the right of the ticket booth.
- Patrons will exit the Imaginarium through the designated exit door identified by the lighted exit sign at the front of the theater.
- Patrons waiting to obtain tickets will be asked to social distance outside the ticket booth so as not to congregate around the ticket booth.
- After tickets are obtained, patrons will be escorted to their seats to avoid crowding in the entrance hall.
Cleaning and Disinfecting Schedule

- The Imaginarium will be disinfected after every event.
- On days when two shows are scheduled, the Imaginarium will be disinfected prior to the first show, after the first show prior to the second show and after the second show.
- Nearby restrooms located in the Imiloa science building are disinfected once per day M-F.
- Handrails and high traffic door handles will be disinfected after every event.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are available on site.