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Directives & Recommendations from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters

Attention (Recent Developments)

- **The City and County of Honolulu issued the “Stay at Home / Work from Home Order” on March 22, 2020.**
- **The County of Maui issued the Public Health Emergency Rules, Amended March 22, 2020.**
- **The State of Hawaii issued the “Stay at Home” proclamation which becomes effective on March 25, 2020.**

Based on instructions contained in the above documents, ministers and lay employees are directed to comply with the orders by performing Essential Businesses, Essential Activities, Minimum Basic Operations and Social Distance (Physical Distancing) Requirements.

Concerning Essential Businesses:

- **Bedside / Makuragyo services**
 - Please conduct bedside / makuragyo services as needed
 - Please follow the CDC guidelines of less than 10 people and practice Physical Distancing (Social Distancing) Requirements including not doing traditional greetings of handshaking and hugging
 - Please comply with healthcare institution guidelines
- **Funeral services**
 - Please do not schedule any new services until after May 15, 2020
 - For existing funeral services, please contact family if they can postpone until after May 15, 2020. Please be advised and let families know that depending on the situation with COVID-19, funeral services might have to be rescheduled.



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- If an already scheduled funeral service cannot be postponed, please comply with the CDC requirements of less than 10 people and Physical Distancing (Social Distancing) Requirements
- For both Bedside / Makuragyo and Funeral services, besides in-person services, options for considerations are services by phone, using video calling tools such as Facetime, Skype, etc., and services in absentia
- If a minister is unable to perform a service, please contact your district ministers association chair to make other arrangements

In alignment with Minimum Basic Operations:

- HQ office will reopen on May 1, 2020
- HQ staff including BSC will be working remotely from home to comply with the “Stay at Home / Work from Home Order”
- You will be able to contact us via phone (808-522-9200) and email
- All temples are also asked to comply with minimum basic operations
- Temple Hondo / Main Sanctuary may be used for Bedside / Makuragyo and Funeral Services, but please refrain from using for the other purposes including live streaming services to respect “Stay at Home / Work from Home Order.”
- While not a Minimum Basic Operation, it is recommended that temples with the help of ministers contact elderly members who are living alone in this difficult time

The situation with COVID-19 is so fluid that matters could change anytime and very rapidly. Ministers and temple leaders, please use your best judgement.

Please continue to practice good hygiene and go to the Buddha-Dharma for guidance.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop and Dr. Warren Tamamoto, President
March 23, 2020