

May 7, 2020

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Senator Michelle D. Kidani
Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Senator Sharon Moriwaki
Senator Kurt Fevella

Dear Senator Dela Cruz:

Thank you for your letter dated April 22, 2020, asking us to provide the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) communication plan, timing, and copies of the messages to be distributed related to concerns about COVID-19 testing in the private sector.

The State's Joint Information Center (JIC) manages the interfaces with media and legislature to convey the Department of Health guidelines, recommendations and concerns regarding the use of information individuals might obtain from testing. Our subject matter experts have helped to craft guidance language for the Public Information Officers (PIOs) and the JIC (see Attachment A).

The Department of Health has already provided several communications for multiple audiences regarding testing. Dr. Sarah Park, the state epidemiologist, provided a "Grand Rounds" to providers on April 29, 2020 (see Attachment B), a legislative briefing on April 30, 2020 and released a medical advisory on May 1, 2020 (see Attachment C).

The Department of Health has also produced a general testing strategy for the state in response to COVID-19 (see Attachment D).

If there is additional information or communication you require, please let me know how we may provide it.

Sincerely,

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