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DISTRICT 19
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DOH PARTNERS WITH PHARMACIES STATEWIDE TO PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINE

The Hawaii Department of Health is partnering with a number of pharmacies to conduct drive-through vaccination events or in-home vaccinations. This partnership is an effort to continue the momentum in vaccinating residents and caregivers of small residential care homes throughout the state. The state health department is now turning their attention to residential care homes and community care foster family homes. The partnering pharmacies include ElixRx Pharmacy, 5 Minute Pharmacy, Foodland Pharmacy, KTA Pharmacy, Pharmacare Hawaii, The Queen's Medical Center Pharmacy, and Times Pharmacy.

MORE VACCINES ON THE WAY: LONGS DRUGS STORE TO START FEB. 12

Seven CVS or Long's Drugs statewide will start giving out the shots on Friday, Feb. 12. Longs is not able to say exactly which stores will be giving out the COVID vaccine, but doses will be available in all four counties. Only those [75 years and older](#) can get the shots. People can start making appointments on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

CVS says the initial rollout is 4,400 doses and additional locations will be added when more vaccines arrive. To make an appointment at CVS, call (800)-746-7287 or click [here](#).

PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Hawaii Department of Human Services (DHS) is assisting eligible families to better-afford preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. The Preschool Open Doors (POD) program application period began earlier in January and is open through March 31, 2021. Funds are limited, so DHS encourages families to apply as soon as possible. To qualify for the program, children must be eligible to enter kindergarten in the 2022-2023 school year (born between Aug. 1, 2016, and July 31, 2017). If awarded a subsidy, families may use any one of the 409 state-licensed preschools. DHS also gives priority to underserved or at-risk children. Preschool Open Doors provides subsidies to eligible families to help pay preschool tuition. POD aims to assist low-income and moderate-income families with a subsidy that provides their children the opportunity to attend preschool. Preschool and other early learning opportunities help children gain essential skills, be prepared for school, and chart a course for lifelong success. Interested families may access the application here: <https://www.patchhawaii.org/> OR by calling (808) 791-2130. They may also call toll-free at 1-800-746-5620.



Kaimukī Municipal Metered Parking Lot Improvements Notice of Parking Lot Closure



HONOLULU – The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Design & Construction, announced that portions of the Kaimukī Municipal Metered Parking Lot will be closed in three phases for construction of parking lot improvements and replacement of the pavement. The adjacent ewa-side Kaimukī Municipal Gated Parking Lot will remain open. The Contractor for this project is Road Builders Corporation.

LOCATION: The closed Kaimukī Municipal Metered Parking Lot is bounded by the Koko Head, Wai'alaie, Harding and 12th Avenues.

SCHEDULE: The start date for the project is **Monday, February 1, 2021**, and will require approximately 8 months to complete, weather permitting. The work will be constructed in three phases, with a different area of the parking lot closed for construction during a phase. Each phase will last approximately 11 weeks.

- The Contractor's working hours onsite will be Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. except on holidays.

Those who are in close proximity to the work zone may experience increased noise levels from machinery during the construction activity.

PARKING LOT AVAILABILITY:

- **24 hour closure** will be in effect for the area of the parking lot under construction.
- Areas of the parking lot not under construction will remain open to the public. 24-hour parking rules will be enforced.