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**Safety-Related Impacts
Informational Briefing**

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School Safety



National Context

School shootings in the U.S. in 2022

Chicago Tribune

35 people from Illinois have been charged for taking part in the US Capitol riot on Jan...

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By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune • Dec 18, 2022 at 8:46 pm

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NEWS CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY - focus

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The man was one of six people shot Sept. 28

Community members gathered at Benito Juarez Community Academy school on Friday, injured on Friday.

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By HARRY HARRIS | hharris@bayareanews.com | Bay Area News Group
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51



140

people killed or injured in a school shooting

School shootings in 2022

39

people killed

101

people injured



Source: Education Week (updated December 29, 2022)



HIDOE Context

Number and Nature of School Threats

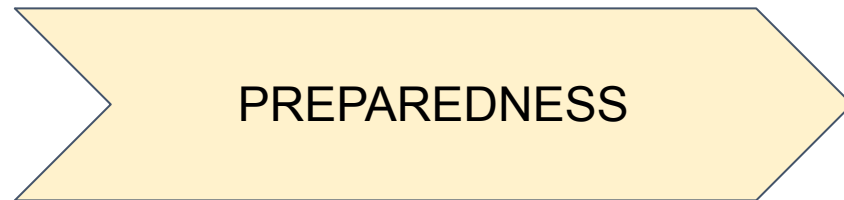
2019	2020	2021	2022
103	47	124	152

- Vague social media and graffiti threats
- Emails, phone calls or fax
- Some clusters like mainland
- TikTok challenges
- Threats with targets
- Other concerns (e.g., Stranger Danger, fights, etc.)





Preventative Behavioral Threat Assessment Training



These trainings will develop and utilize threat assessment and behavioral intervention tools to help identify disturbing signals and determine when intervention is necessary to mitigate and prevent potential threats.

84

attendees

June 15-16

*Complex Areas

760

attendees

July 5-8

*Schools

250

attendees

December 6-9

*Schools



Current Safety & Security Measures

The Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Branch (SSEPB), under to the Department's Office of Facilities and Operations, is responsible for the security of campuses and offices, as well as school and student safety. The following actions are taken by SSEPB to support school and student safety and security:





Current Safety & Security Measures

Emergency Operation Plans

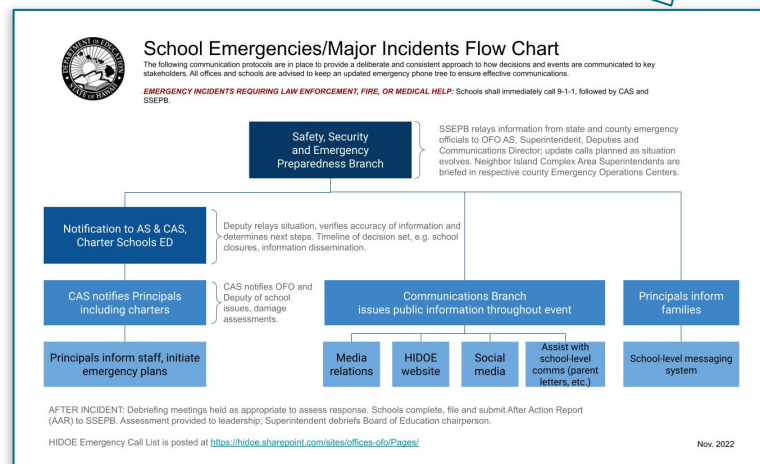
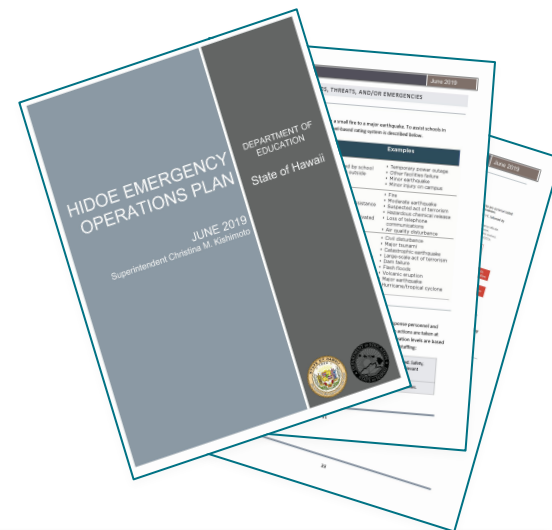
Comprehensive overview of emergency management systems and guidelines for various hazards and threats.

Addresses roles and responsibilities of the Department and its staff during emergencies.

Addresses response guidelines and recovery guidelines for emergencies which include prevention mitigation, planning, response and recovery.

Examples of guidelines related to hazards and threats include, but are not limited to:

- Active shooter/threat guidelines
- Bomb threat guidelines
- Hurricane guidelines
- Shelter operation guidelines
- Tsunami guidelines



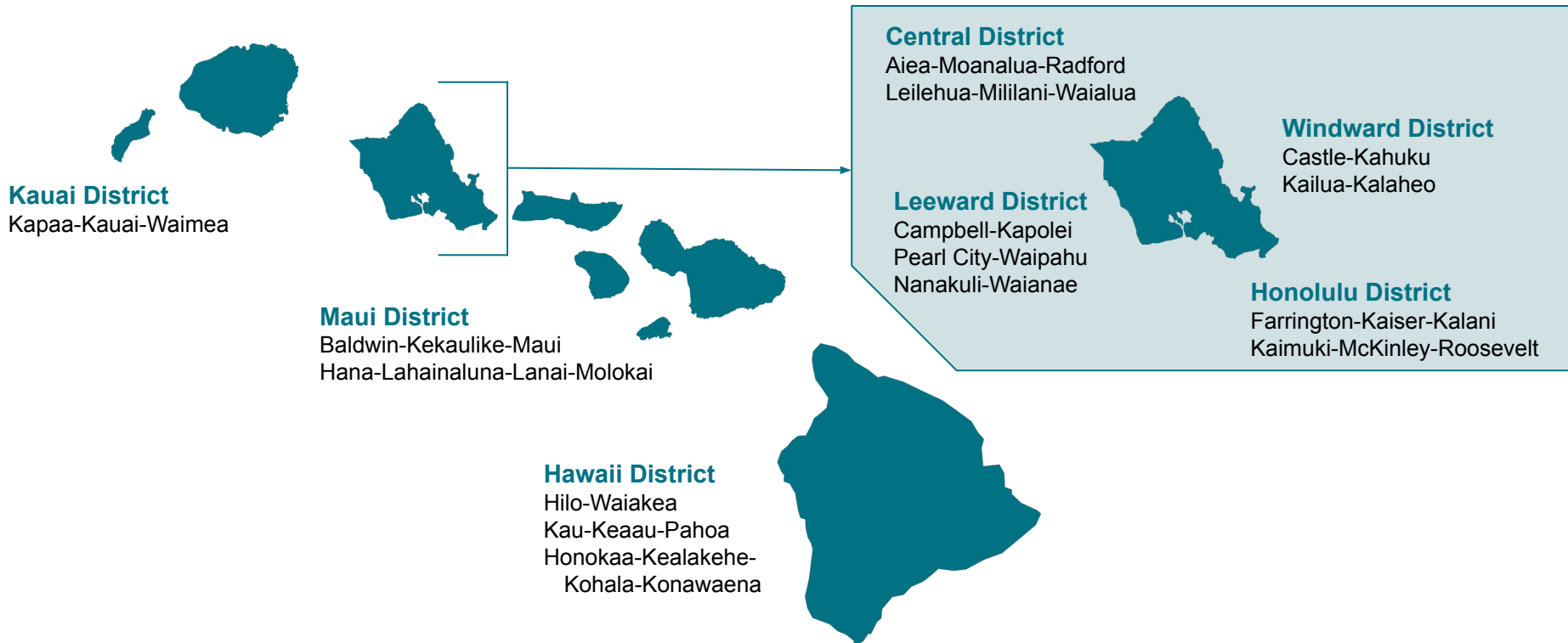


Current Safety & Security Measures

Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP)

Specific to each complex area as each complex area may have higher risk for different emergencies.

COOPs may include plans for floods, volcano eruptions, fires, etc., that are appropriate for each complex area.





Current Safety & Security Measures

Site Specific Emergency Action Plans (EAP)

Site specific action plans with associated emergency drills that schools must perform for the following type of emergencies:

- Earthquake
- Evacuation
 - Fire drills
 - Bomb threat drills
- Lockdown
- Shelter-in-Place
- Tsunami

All schools are required to have EAPs that are updated annually and submitted to SSEPB.

On-site EAP reviews are completed on a triennial basis.





Current Safety & Security Measures

Vulnerability Assessments (VA)

The assessment process detects weaknesses and vulnerabilities of a school's safety and security capabilities and provides recommendations for mitigation.

Full school sessions with students and staff on campus are needed to complete VAs.

Since 2017*

116	completed
17	scheduled



*VAs were temporarily suspended during the 2020-21 school year due to the pandemic. In the 2021-22 school year the VAs completed were very limited due to school capacity and other priorities during COVID. VAs scheduled to resume during 2022-23 school year.



Current Safety & Security Measures

Active Shooter/Threat Response Training

Teaches faculty on how to respond to active shooter incidents, lockdowns and social media threats.

Trainings can be completed in 1-2 days or a few hours, and can include presentations, along with practical exercises.

80
schools





Planned Safety & Security Measures

Program Development & Plan Updates



Refinement of Threat Assessment Program

- Standardize a process to identify or evaluate occurrences, persons, entities or actions that may pose a threat to our schools or offices
- Proactive approach designed to save lives
 - Assist with determining whether or not a student or non-student poses a threat of violence; or if they have intent and means to carry out a threat



Updates to the 2019 HODOE Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Continuity Of Operations Plans (COOP)

- Currently being reviewed and revised
 - Input from Hawai'i State Department of Health as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic



Planned Safety & Security Measures

More Assessments and Community Engagement



Expansion of Vulnerability Assessments

- Add recommendations to leverage technology for security on campuses
- Provide and complete vulnerability assessments at schools



Cultivate Community Involvement and Support

- School Safety Councils
- Outreach to community leaders and parents to discuss how the community can support safety and security at our schools
- Regular coordination and communication with law enforcement agencies:
 - Fusion Center, FBI, Department of Public Safety, Police (Honolulu Police Department, School Resource Officers on Neighbor Islands)



SECTION

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COVID Updates



COVID Updates

COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for School Year 2022-23

- Based on the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) [COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning](#).

COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for School Year 2022-23

August 23, 2022 Department of Education

Daily Wellness Check WE NEED YOUR HELP!

HIDOE employees, contracted service providers, visitors and students must complete a wellness check each morning before going to school or work. Please report any illness or COVID-19 exposure to the school or supervisor.

CHECK FOR COVID-19-LIKE SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

If any symptoms of illness are present, **do not go to school or work.**

- Fever (higher than 100°F or hot to the touch)
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

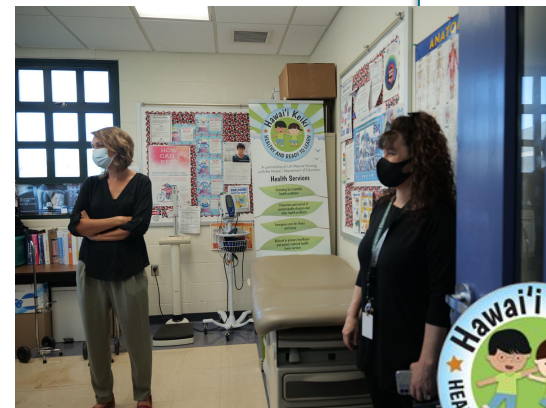
Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home from school, work and other activities. Follow the DOH's [Symptoms Guidance for Hawai'i K-12 Schools](#). If someone develops symptoms at school/work, they will be sent home. Those with symptoms who have not been tested, should be tested as soon as possible.

HELP US TO KEEP OUR SCHOOLS HEALTHY AND SAFE!

Revised 01/22

Additional ESSER-Funded Hawai'i Keiki Nurses and support staff

- 21 Hawai'i Keiki Registered Nurses
- 174 Hawai'i Keiki school health support staff





COVID Updates

School Testing Opportunities

BinaxNow Point of Care Test

- This rapid antigen test must be administered by Hawai'i Keiki staff under a CLIA Certificate of Waiver and is prioritized for individuals with symptoms or known exposure to COVID-19.

Self-test Kits

- Distributed for students and staff in partnership with the DOH and CDC.
- Available to requesting students and staff who are not feeling well, have been exposed to COVID-19, recently traveled, or are planning to attend a high-risk activity.

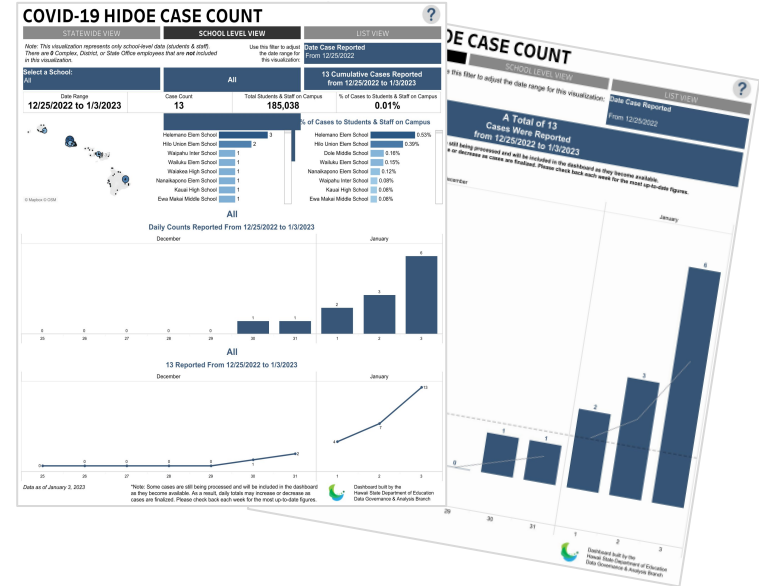




COVID Updates Reporting

DOH COVID-19 Case Reporting Tool

- Schools must report all positive cases through the Case Reporting Tool.
- A summary of COVID-19 cases is published on the Department’s website every Wednesday by 4 p.m., Hawai’i Standard Time.



<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/MediaRoom/PressReleases/Pages/COVID-19-Information-Updates.aspx>



COVID Updates

Potential Clusters or Outbreaks

The Department collaborates with the DOH to monitor the COVID-19 CRT for potential clusters or outbreaks.

Cluster

- DOH K-12 Cluster Definition: Three or more confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 among students, teachers or staff within a specified core group in a 14-day period as long as those cases do not have suspected outside exposure (i.e., they are not close contacts of cases outside the school setting). Note: Identifying cases as part of a cluster does not necessarily imply that transmission has occurred in the site or at the event associated with the cluster.

Outbreak

- Schools are required to report any illness to the DOH when daily:
 - Absentee rate exceeds 10% for entire school; or
 - Absentee rate exceeds 20% of one grade or classroom.

In consultation with the DOH, the school implements mitigation strategies such as:

Masking



Testing



Moving outdoors



Avoid crowding





Mahalo!

