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**COUNCIL PROVIDES TEST CLINIC FOLLOWING A LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
EMPLOYEE TESTING POSITIVE**

Honolulu City Council Chairman Ikaika Anderson today arranged a COVID-19 test clinic for all employees who work at Honolulu Hale. This precautionary measure was implemented after learning earlier today of an isolated case of an employee within the legislative branch tested positive for the coronavirus. The affected employee is currently in isolation and was last at work at Honolulu Hale six days ago.

After consulting with the legislative branch leadership, Chairman Anderson worked with Dr. Scott Miscovich of Premier Medial Group Hawai'i to quickly activate a COVID-19 test clinic inside the Council Chambers to administer free testing for interested employees.

***“It’s important that we act quickly and be as proactive as possible considering the recent surge of positive cases here on Oahu,” said Chairman Anderson. “We want to urge everyone to stay vigilant, practice safe physical distancing, frequent hand washing with soap and water or use hand sanitizers, use facial coverings, and monitor yourselves and your family.”***

The legislative branch, upon learning of the positive case, implemented the City’s COVID Response protocol whenever a City employee tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, which includes working with the City’s infectious disease medical officer, Dr. Jill Omori, or City Physician, Dr. Melanie Lee, and working with the Hawai’i State Department of Health.

The legislative branch includes the Honolulu City Council, the Office of the City Clerk, Office of the City Auditor, and the Office of Council Services.

In a memo issued last week, Chairman Anderson took another proactive step by specifically asking his colleagues and members of their staff to stop meeting with visitors in the Council common areas, including the second floor offices until further notice.

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