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CITY COUNCIL URGED TO STAY VIGILANT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Honolulu City Council Chairman Ikaika Anderson today reminded members to remain vigilant about public safety, in light of the sudden surge in the number of positive COVID-19 cases on O‘ahu.

Given the worrisome trend and potential risks, Chairman Anderson specifically asked 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.

“This is our COVID reality and we’ve seen an alarming number of positive cases, including city employees,” said Chairman Anderson. “It’s important that we meet with constituents and members of the community, but as I said back in March, public safety must be paramount and we have to practice common sense as we continue to do the people’s business.”

Chairman Anderson consulted with Vice-Chair Ann Kobayashi then reinforced his message to stay vigilant. He urged his colleagues and their staff members to safely socialize with family and friends away from Honolulu Hale. The Council and staff are encouraged to continue using technology to minimize or replace the need for in-person meetings and to telecommute as much as possible to avoid the risk of exposure.

The public can continue to testify at Council meetings, either remotely via audio or video or in person, following social distancing and safety guidelines. The public proceedings, as always, will be telecasted and can be viewed on Olelo, Channel 54 or by going to the following links: <http://www.honolulu.gov/council> or <http://www.honolulucitycouncil.com/>

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