It is with great pleasure that the coalition welcomes the following new officers and board members. The HIC board is an all-volunteer board consisting of persons who are passionate about immunization and have diverse backgrounds in immunization strategies. Welcome:

President, Celeste Baldwin PhD, APRN. Celeste has been in the field of nursing with specialties in pediatrics and obstetrics for 42 years and has been teaching at all levels for 20 years. She currently teaches at the Graduate level for University of Hawaii Mānoa and Regis College Boston.

Vice President, Hubert Bloomquist MSN, APRN. Hubert is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse specializing in pediatrics, with more than 10 years of experience. He currently works as a school-based health on the island of Maui where she functions as a health educator, coordinator and clinician for 20 schools with children K-12.

New Board Member, Michael Robinson is the Vice President for Government Relations & Community Affairs for Hawai‘i Pacific Health where he has served for the last 20 years. He oversees the legislative, advocacy and community engagement activities across the healthcare system.

New Board Member, Mia Tran is a member of the The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Class of 2020, a former Operation Immunization Co-chair for American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Hawaii chapter, and a Pharmacy Intern at Safeway.

COVID-19 and Vaccinations

The new world of COVID-19 has brought about several important considerations related to vaccinations. Now, as much as ever, it is important for both children and adults to stay up to date on their vaccinations. It is especially important that children and adults get their flu vaccine this season.

The American Academy of Pediatrics is also promoting the #CallYourPediatrician campaign reminding families that it is safe and important for parents to check in with their pediatricians and continue both sick and well visits as well as getting children up to date on their vaccinations.


Stay tuned for HIC’s upcoming workshop on COVID-19 and Contact Tracing on September 2nd from 12-1pm