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.

**HIC UPDATE**

**Activities of the Hawaii Immunization Coalition**

**October 2020**

The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) is a statewide, community-based non-profit 501(c)3 coalition of public and private organizations and concerned individuals whose mission is to promote effective strategies to ensure that all of Hawaii’s families are appropriately vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases.

**VICC educations**

If you were unable to attend the most recent webinar on December 2nd, co-sponsored with the Department of Tropical Medicine at the John A Burns School of Medicine, please feel free to check it out at:

https://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org/ceform/video/?cmeId=5532

It will be available until December 31, 2020.

These were the objectives and speakers:

1. Differentiate the advantages and disadvantages of various SARS-CoV-2 viral tests. Wen-Kang Wang, Ph.D., D.S)
2. Identify current laboratory capabilities and limitations for SARS-CoV-2 testing in Hawaii. Vivek R. Nerurkar, Ph.D.
3. Describe the process and current state of COVID-19 contact tracing in Hawaii. (Sandia-Chung, Ph.D.)

Also, for those who missed the earlier webinar (2020 Update: School Immunization Requirements in Hawaii), it is still available for contacting education credits and review at:

https://www.ephsd.org/ceform/video/?cmeId=5532

Stay tuned for our next educational event in January 2021!

**VACCINATIONS FOR SCHOOL**

With distance learning under way, the VAX to School campaign with new vaccine requirements for all Hawaii Department of Education students is still a fact. Details of the updated vaccine requirements can be reviewed at:

http://www.vaxtoschoolhawaii.com/#info

The Stop Flu at School campaign is normally a convenient and easy way for parents to get their children immunized against flu for the season. With schools closed due to a pandemic, a number of modifications have been made with some islands holding regional distance learning flu clinics at each school. For some complex areas, the stop flu at school campaign has been canceled for this year due to COVID and distance learning. Further information for your area may be found here:


**COVID VACCINE UPDATES**

Research and clinical trials for COVID-19 vaccines are continuing. Check out the updated version of the State of the ImmUNION 2020 Special Supplement on COVID-19 vaccination here:


Also be sure to explore the CDC webpage on vaccination guidance during a pandemic:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/health-prof-faculty/index.html