

I'M VACCINATED



Keli'i "Skippy" Ioane
Community Activist & Haku Mele

We are distracted. When we lose faith and can't see the light at the end of the tunnel, kanakas going find something for blame. But the blame game not going work right now. So we can't get distracted, the root of our problems is poverty, financial poverty is just one facet, we also have 'aina poverty, spiritual poverty, and poverty of governmental integrity. And we need to stick together to fight those systems that keep our people impoverished. For now, we need to act to protect our 'ohana.



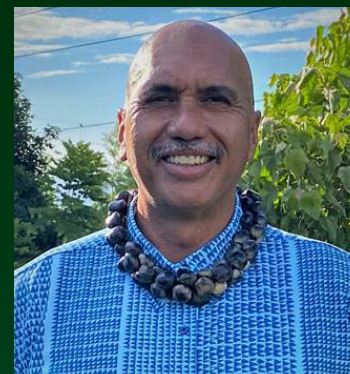
Mopsy Aaron
Kūpuna Advocate, Protect Pā'ia

Like many others, I am disappointed in the Governor, but now is not the time to blame, it is time to educate. Our people are scared, and I was hurt that the Governor blamed us, the residents. But we know that our kūpuna died from foreign disease and vaccines were used at that time to save our people. Vaccine is the help, to help get us through this, we need to kōkua each other. I do not support a mandate, but we need to collectively come together with aloha, in kapu aloha, like we did on the mauna, to protect our families.



Vicky Holt-Takamine
Executive Director & Kumu Hula, Pā'I Foundation

**I'm vaccinated
because I want to
protect my family
and my community.**



Kahu Kaunaloa Boshard
Chaplain, Moku o Keawe

Ua ola loko i ke aloha – Love gives life within. My faith in Iesū Kristo directs me to love Iēhova wholeheartedly and to love others as I love myself. As a Kahu for the last 25 years here in our Pae 'aina o Hawai'i getting vaccinated was my personal act of loving others. First loving those within my household of nine including my Kahu, and Pāpā, Kahu Henry Kanoelani Boshard who is 93 years old. Next, loving my community of ministry here on Moku o Keawe. Give the gift of life by loving others and let's keep Hawai'i safe and moving forward.



Meleana Manuel
Kumu Hula, Volcano, Hawai'i

As a kumu hula and a leader in the community, it is my kuleana to be informed and to inform. Our keiki are our future and our kūpuna are our connection to our past. We need to protect all for our lāhui to survive. I am a Hawaiian, but I am also a human. Covid-19 doesn't care how strong or healthy you are. It doesn't care about your age, ethnicity, or gender. But I care. That's why I chose to be vaccinated.



Healani Sonoda-Pale
Kanaka Maoli educator, community activist and citizen of Ka Lāhui Hawai'i

Living through the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging on so many levels and there seems to be no end in sight – especially with the lack of pono state leadership. It's really up to each of us to make the right choice on how we protect ourselves and our 'ohana in order to get through this period whole. For myself, I chose to vaccinate. I know that the COVID-19 vaccination is not 100% perfect, but it increases the likelihood that I will be here another day, another year, for my family and for the Lāhui.



J. Ekela Kaniaupio-Crozier
Hawaiian Culture Based Education Coordinator and Hope Kahu, Ekalesia o Kupaianaha

In March 2020, our ekalesia began to pule for a "vaccine worthy of Ke Akua's love, His gift to mankind." In February 2021, I received my first dose (with gratitude and praise) to protect not just myself but also my loved ones, including our students, my colleagues, members of our hale pule, and all the Kanaka I'm blessed to meet. It's my kuleana - my privilege, right and responsibility as a wahine Hawai'i to do what I can to mālama others. 'Aōhe o'u kānalua, pēlā nō e hana like ai ko'u po'e kūpuna. E ku'upau kākou!



Dr. Jon K. Osorio
Professor at the Kamakūōkalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Dean of the Hawai'i Inūiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge.

Born with a club foot in the time of polio, I saw many children and young people in iron lungs at Hilo Hospital and at Shriners Hospital where I spent more than nine months in 1955. I was so grateful that there was a vaccine for polio and have always believed that vaccines saved many of our people from ravaging diseases and early deaths. I have taken the vaccine as the surest way to beat COVID-19.