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STATE PROVIDING RAPID RESPONSE SERVICES FOR EMPLOYEES OF HAWAI'I MEDICAL CENTER

Employees Urged to Apply for Unemployment Benefits Online

HONOLULU—The Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations (DLIR) will provide Rapid Response services to employees at both Hawai'i Medical worksites in Liliha and Ewa. The Rapid Response sessions will provide employees with information on applying for unemployment benefits, health insurance options, potential workforce training programs and other services. The Rapid Response services will be offered during twelve (12) sessions in conference rooms at both worksites Wednesday, December 21 and Thursday, December 22 as follows:

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| Group 1 | Session A: 6:30 – 7:10 a.m.
Session B: 7:15 – 8:00 a.m. |
| Group 2 | Session A: 11:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
Session B: 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. |
| Group 3 | Session A: 2:30 – 3:10 p.m.
Session B: 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. |

“We urge the Hawai'i Medical Center employees to file for unemployment benefits online and avoid coming into the office and standing in line or calling the telephone system until a line is available,” said Unemployment Insurance Division Administrator Linda Uesato. “Please do not file an unemployment claim until you are actually separated from employment, otherwise, you will have to redo your application whether you do it by phone, in person or online.”

“Our hearts go out to the nearly thousand employees and their families who received this news during the holiday season,” said DLIR Director Dwight Takamine. “We hope the Rapid Response will help alleviate the uncertainty for employees and their families in this difficult time. In addition to the information on how to file for unemployment benefits, the Rapid Response services also include information on how to register for work on the state’s online job board as well as the various job training programs offered by the department.”

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