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Dear Valued Swap Meet Vendor,

Re: Impact of COVID-19 - Delta Variant on the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet and Marketplace

We are issuing this notification to inform you that we continue to monitor reports and review information updates from the Department of Health, the Governor's Office, and the City and County of Honolulu to ensure that the Stadium Authority takes the most appropriate and responsive course of action necessary to protect the public from the ongoing public health emergency related to the COVID-19 virus.

The health and safety of Hawai'i residents and visitors to the State of Hawai'i is of paramount concern for the Authority. The Authority is entrusted with the responsibility to ensure that the general public attending events at the Aloha Stadium is provided a venue that is safe and that minimizes community spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Large-scale gatherings, such as concerts, sporting events, swap meets, and other such gatherings create environments where the virus can spread quickly across the general public, event workers, vendors, and attendees. This is a serious and growing concern for the Authority; especially given the highly contagious nature of the Delta variant and the difficulty in identifying and containing community spread of the virus.

Based on the foregoing, we are notifying you that there is a probability that stringent mitigative measures may need to be implemented to the swap meet operation to minimize community spread of the virus. Our intention with any future mitigation is to create a safe environment and ultimately prevent the need for a full scale shut down of the Swap Meet, as we experienced last year. With that said, there may be a point that a difficult decision needs to be made to postpone or cancel events in the interest of public health and safety. We believe that you share our concern with ensuring the health and safety of the general public is paramount.

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We will continue to monitor reports and updates from the Department of Health, the Governor's Office, and the Mayor's Office of the City and County of Honolulu to advise you on the status of swap meet events. We ask that you check the Aloha Stadium website daily for any updates – <u>www.alohastadium.hawaii.gov</u>.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 483-2500 or by email at <u>alohastadium@hawaii.gov</u>

Sincerely, Jui J. Chen

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