

# NEWSLETTER

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HAFA ADAI, ALOHA, TALOFA, BULA, IA ORANA, MALO E LELEI AND HELLO!

## A message from the President....

During the coronavirus outbreak, our focus is and will continue to be on the safety and well-being of our island brothers and sisters. As we continue navigating the uncertainty of all that surrounds the COVID-19 outbreak, we want you to know that we are here for you. The health and safety of our team members and surrounding communities are of utmost importance to us. We are all in this together and are thankful for all who are still working diligently towards all events planned for 2020.

This outbreak has challenged all of us, but it is communities like ours that are working together to stay safe is what will get us through this crisis. We have been fortunate to have successfully shared the Pacific Island cultures with the community through our annual festival, and we've been honored to have incorporated other events like our Taste of the Pacific Islands, Miss PIFA Scholarship Pageant and our PIFA Scholarship Program. I especially want to thank the many people who put their time, effort, and energy into making PIFA a success.

Please feel to reach out to us if you need us at [www.pifasandiego.com](http://www.pifasandiego.com).

Anissa Acfalle  
President, 2020 PIFA



## What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

### How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

### Mission Statement

The primary purposes and objectives of the Pacific Islander Festival Association shall be:

- (a) To promote charitable and educational projects for the benefit of the Indigenous People of Melansia, Micronesia and Polynesia ("Pacific Islanders").
- (b) To provide educational and cultural resources for Pacific Islanders.
- (c) To actively participate in the promotion and perpetuation of the traditional cultures, ancient historical data, languages, attitudes and values of Pacific Islanders.

## PIFA 2020 Theme "Rhythm of the Pacific"

**Events Schedule:** All events are subject to change dependent on COVID-19

Pacific Islander day with the SD Legions  
-- Cancelled due to COVID-19

Pacific Islander night with the Padres  
-- Postponed until further notice

Taste of the Pacific and Miss PIFA  
-- July 23, 2020

Pacific Islander Festival  
-- September 26 and 27, 2020

### Links for COVID-19 information:

[211sandiego.org](http://211sandiego.org)  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV)

### Other information:

- Feedingsandiego.org.
- Food Banks/School nutrition programs/Senior program
- [Sandiegofoodbank.org](http://Sandiegofoodbank.org)
- Food Bank/ Diaper Banks/ Senior Program
- [CCDSD.org](http://CCDSD.org)
- Food Bank
- [Meals-on-wheels.org](http://Meals-on-wheels.org)
- <http://www.onwardca.org>
- Potential jobs
- Personal Banking Institutions
- Assistance for personal needs

