



MEMORANDUM

TO: Ilisaġvik College Community

FROM: Amanda Sialofi, Dean of Students

DATE: March 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

As of today, March 10, 2020, we continue to have zero confirmed cases of coronavirus in the state of Alaska. We are taking all appropriate measures and will continue to follow the expert guidance of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In Alaska

Updated March 10, 2020; updates made daily by 12:30pm

Confirmed cases

- > **Current: 0**
- > Cumulative since 1/1/2020: 0

Persons Under Investigation (PUI)*

- > **Current: 16 (pending tests)**
- > Cumulative since 1/1/2020: 47 (Includes negative and pending tests)

College-Sponsored Travel

At this time, we have not canceled any travel unless the event/conference organizers have made the decision to cancel. We encourage that you follow the CDC's recommended health practices for all travel. Staff who travel on behalf of the College should continue to work with their supervisors to determine the best approach.

Many cases of coronavirus have been confirmed around the U.S., and it is likely that the virus will continue to spread. We encourage you to approach any travel with abundant caution and weigh the benefits of travel against the risks.

College Preparations

We have attended meetings with medical professionals at Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital to discuss preventative measures and to plan in anticipation of possible future coronavirus cases in our communities. While we hope that this does not come to pass, we want to be prepared. For now, we want to stress the importance of the following preventative measures:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your arm.
- Frequent cleaning of doorknobs, light switches, and other commonly touched areas with disinfectant wipes.
- Avoiding contact with people who are ill.
- Stay home from work or school if you are ill.

Additional Information

For additional information about the coronavirus, including signs and symptoms, transmission and risk of exposure, and what to do if you are exhibiting symptoms, please refer to the latest updates from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (<http://www.dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>).

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