



## A Letter to Students Fall 2020

Dear Ilisaġvik Students,

2020 in many ways has been the most unexpected year. On behalf of Ilisaġvik College, I congratulate you for choosing to continue your education. I wish you personal and professional success during these uncertain times. You are truly a testament to our community's resilience and determination.

Your health and safety is our number one priority at Ilisaġvik College. The College has monitored the continuing presence of COVID-19 closely, and as such, have made the following determinations to ensure your safety to the maximum extent possible. Please note, Ilisaġvik College will comply with all local, regional, state, and national mandates as they are enacted in order to keep our student's and employee's health and safety in mind. Due to these mandates we are maintaining flexibility in operations as we journey through this unprecedented time.

- **All Academic classes**, including labs, to be held via distance delivery.
- **Adult Education and GED** will be available via distance delivery with tutoring limited to one-on-one (all North Slope communities).
- **Workforce Development** will not offer any in-person classes, though this will be reevaluated during the semester. Courses will be offered via distance delivery when possible.
- **Vocational Education** classes will be in-person and limited to 8 students social distancing. Segments of courses may be offered via distance delivery to limit time in-person.
- **CDL/Heavy Equipment** classes will be held in person and limited to 8 students social distancing though courses may be offered partially via distance delivery when available.
- **Village Industrial Safety Courses:** In-person Instruction will be by village request and invitation only; Ilisaġvik is currently reviewing what can be taught via distance delivery.

To help ensure a healthy and smooth transition into the Fall 2020 semester, laptops are available for students to check out as well as limited number of Kindle Fires, and Emergency Student Aid availability will be implemented this Fall via application with Financial Aid—please make sure you have applied for your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

If you are a student within the Utqiaġvik community, or a dorm student, Ilisaġvik has implemented the following procedures to minimize the spread of COVID-19:

- The **Learning Resource Center** and **Browerville Center** will be available by appointment.
- The **Cafeteria** will remain closed. This will be reevaluated in September 2020.
- The **Bookstore**, though closed to the public, will be fully operational and will mail orders or deliver in Utqiaġvik with contactless delivery.

- **Public Access:** Building hours will be limited to Monday-Thursday from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm. Iḷisaġvik staff is always available by appointment outside of those hours. Visitors must sign in at the front desk and answer COVID-19 related questions and expect temperature checks. Face coverings must be worn.
- **Buildings 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366** are closed to the public though available by appointment.
- **Van Service** will run with limited capacity per van in coordination with any in-person courses or trainings that may occur. Face coverings are mandatory, and masks will be provided if needed; van surfaces will be cleaned between runs.
- **Dormitories** have been outfitted with miniature refrigerators and microwaves to lessen contact between dorm residents. Dorm residents can expect strict sanitation of all common spaces. Dorm occupancy will be limited to a maximum of 10 students, admitted on a case by case basis upon review by the Dean of Students and the President. Students will be required to remain in Utqiaġvik (Barrow) during their tenure at the dorms for Fall 2020 with exceptions for emergencies only.

We look forward to connecting with you and sharing more about the opportunities at Iḷisaġvik. Whether you have chosen to come to Iḷisaġvik Campus or take courses through Distance Education (taking classes from your home community), we are available to advise on developing a path that makes sense for you and your goals for the future.

If you have any questions regarding your education with Iḷisaġvik, do not hesitate to reach out to Registration at [registration@ilisagvik.edu](mailto:registration@ilisagvik.edu). For the latest updates and announcements regarding COVID-19, or to see our complete Fall 2020 Operational Plan, visit our website at [ilisagvik.edu](http://ilisagvik.edu). In addition, I will be scheduling a zoom session for all students, to be held Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12pm. An invite to all students will be e-mailed with the zoom information.

With appreciation,



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