



Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19 Response

What does quarantine and isolation mean?

Quarantine status means the individual is a close contact of a positive case and has been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. This person will need to remain in quarantine from 14 days after their last contact with the positive case.

Isolation status means having tested positive for the COVID virus. This person will need to remain in isolation for a minimum of 10 days, with the last 48 hours of the isolation period being without any symptoms and without taking any medications to mask their symptoms.

What happens when someone tests positive in the dorms?

Follow COVID-19 Dorm Procedures. The first step is to contact the Residential Advisor immediately followed by the positive-tested individual to isolate and subsequently quarantine in the designated area in the dorms. Contact tracing will commence with Arctic Slope Native Association (ASNA). SSC staff will initiate the COVID-19 dorm procedure.

Who counts as a close contact?

- If you were within 6 feet to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more, you are considered a close contact.
- You had direct physical contact with someone with COVID-19 (hug or kiss).
- You shared eating utensils with someone with COVID-19.
- An individual with COVID-19 coughed or sneezed on you, or got respiratory droplets on you.

Can I test out of a close contact quarantine?

No. Since you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, you must quarantine for 14 days in the event you develop symptoms during the quarantine period. This is the only way to ensure the virus is not spread further on and off campus.

Will the Spring 2021 semester be in-person?

Iḷisaġvik College will remain in Phase III, Limited Operations. Academic classes will be delivered via distance delivery. Vocational Education, Industrial Safety, and CDL/Heavy Equipment classes will offer the majority of classes via distance delivery if possible. When classes are needed in person, classes will be offered with a limited number of students to maintain social distancing.

Orientation for students will be offered via distance delivery.



The nature of this pandemic is still unknown, and Ilisagvik College is taking all safety precautions necessary to keep our staff, faculty and students safe.

What resources are available to me?

Visit our website and access our [COVID-19 page](#) where you can find information regarding the following: Financial Relief Assistance, Technology Assistance, and general COVID-19 updates.

Student Success Center on Call	907-319-8742
Human Resources	907-852-1768
SSMH COVID Hotline	1-833-852-4622