



August 19, 2021

Dear Students:

As you all know, we continue to deal with the challenges of COVID-19 in virtually every area of our lives. Being a college student today presents challenges we all never thought possible before. The challenges to successfully navigate a higher education experience are significant even without COVID.

The link below will help you walk through the challenges that are present with COVID, and will help arm you with a plethora of resources, tips, ideas, and accurate information that will help answer the many questions you may have about COVID, especially with the recent surge in cases related to the Delta Variant. The CDC continues to believe the best deterrent for COVID is to be vaccinated. While we do not require vaccinations presently at Ilisagvik College, we firmly support what the science says, and what public health officials from the CDC advise. The educational link is:

[VaxForward... to a better school year - VaxForward](#)

To encourage students to get their vaccination, Ilisagvik College is conducting the following educational and preventative effort. Every student who can provide documentation for being vaccinated against COVID 19 will be eligible to be entered into a contest where three winners will be drawn for the following:

- A \$500 gift card to the Ilisagvik College Bookstore
- A \$300 gift card to the local Stuaqpak Store in Barrow\*
- A \$200 gift card to the local Subway Sandwich Shop in Barrow\*

**Gift cards for suitable and similar alternatives for students not residing in Barrow will be substituted\***

Please help slow and prevent the spread of COVID and get your vaccination! Students wanting to participate in this drawing should provide an electronic copy of their vaccination card verifying date of the full and completed vaccine(s). Electronic verification may be sent to:

[supportservices@ilisagvik.edu](mailto:supportservices@ilisagvik.edu)

We plan to draw for three winners on September 3, 2021.

Thank you and be safe and healthy!

Hal Haynes, Jr.  
Dean of Students