

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iḷisaġvik College Students

FROM: Amanda Sialofi, Dean of Students

DATE: March 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) | Update 3.16.2020

Dear Iḷisaġvik Students:

First and foremost, on behalf of President Brower, I want to thank you for your patience during this time as all of us deal with what now has been defined as a pandemic. I appreciate your understanding that we are truly operating in uncharted territory, and the circumstances change constantly. In my update at the beginning of this week we had one confirmed case in Alaska, today we now have six confirmed cases in Alaska. As the spread of the coronavirus continues, our top priority continues to be the health and safety of our college community.

Out of an abundance of caution, and to prevent and contain the spread of the coronavirus, Iḷisaġvik College advises you of the following:

- **Iḷisaġvik College, including Tuzzy Library, Cafeteria, Gym, and Partner Sites, will close beginning Thursday March 19th through April 1st, 2020.**
- **All classes will move to either an online or distance delivery March 19th** (please check with your instructor for guidance). This means all face-to-face classes at our main campus will move to an online/distance delivery format.
 - Current online classes will remain on schedule and proceed with no interruption.
- Tutoring services on-campus will be offered online via ZOOM during normal LRC hours. M – F: 6PM-10PM | Sa – Su: 5PM-9PM
 - ZOOM Link: <http://ilisagvik.zoom.us/j/531494969> | ZOOM Call-in: +1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 531-494-969#
- Transportation will be suspended during campus closure.

- All college travel by faculty, staff, and students will remain suspended until further notice.
- Student internships and work-study will be suspended until further notice.
- Residential Students (dorm):
 - Students who are not presently on campus should return home or remain home if you are already there. We will inform you of a later date you may return to campus to retrieve your belongings.
 - Since, we do not have a large number of students in the residential center this semester, the remaining students were given the option to return to their permanent residence or remain in their rooms and resume their coursework via distance delivery.
 - For those remaining on campus, dining will be provided through the Student Success Center (SSC). Current meal plans will remain in effect.
- If you have any questions during campus closure please contact the Student On-Call phone at 1-907-319-8742.
- Check our website: www.ilisagvik.edu for the latest information and updates on coronavirus.

This is not how we hoped this semester will go, but we nonetheless feel compelled to take these steps in light of the most recent increased in confirmed cases within our state. As we work together to mitigate the spread of this disease, it is important that you continue to practice healthy habits:

- 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.

President Brower and I recognize that this is a very difficult time and that these steps will cause disruption and disappointment, which we all regret, but we want you to know that we will continue to provide the necessary support, online resources, and encouragement for your success this semester.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, flexibility and understanding during this time. We are convinced that we will come through this stronger than ever!

Best regards,

Amanda Sialofi, MS
 Dean of Students | Title IX Coordinator
 Iḷisaġvik College | PO Box 749 | Barrow, AK 99723
 D: 1 (907) 852-1823 | F: 1 (907) 852-1789