



NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear NWABSD Communities, Students and Staff,

Per Governor Dunleavy's March 13, 2020 COVID-19 Health Mandate, NWABSD will have non-student contact days for the week immediately following spring break, March 23-27, 2020.

Students will not be allowed into the school buildings effective immediately. All staff will report to school regularly March 23rd and begin distance delivery education for our students.

All NWABSD schools have developed plans to continue educating our students and providing breakfast and lunch throughout this time. These plans include the alternative delivery of instruction by teachers to all students. Details of each school's plans will be communicated to parents.

In addition, please continue following the DHSS March 13th Health Alert:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/AKDHSS-2811e0c>

DHSS strongly advises that all Alaskans read and comply with the following [CDC guidance](#) for workplaces, schools, homes, and commercial establishments:

Practice good hygiene:

- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting.
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email.
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes.
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly.
- Increase ventilation by opening windows when able.

The NWABSD is committed to following the direction of the Alaska Department of Education, the Department of Health and Social Services, as well as coordinating efforts for our region with Maniilaq and the Northwest Arctic Borough to provide a healthy education to all students.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We must all work together for the health and safety of our people.

Terri Walker 
Superintendent

MISSION: To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel
VISION: To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future