



# NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ambler · Buckland · Deering · Kiana · Kivalina · Kobuk · Kotzebue · Noatak · Noorvik · Selawik · Shungnak  
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**June Nelson Elementary School, Kotzebue Middle High School, STAR Magnet School, and McQueen School-Kivalina** are currently operating in the **Red – High Risk** operational zone until further notice due to the number of positive cases (Factor 1—see below). Maniilaq Health has reported 12 COVID-19 positive cases with impact to the community in Kotzebue and 44 cases in Kivalina in the last 14 days.

**Kobuk School and Kiana School** are currently operating in the **Yellow – Medium Risk** operational zone until further notice to practice, refine, and rehearse safety procedures. Maniilaq Health has reported no community spread and no COVID-19 positive in-village cases in the last 14 days.

**All other NWABSD Schools** are currently operating in the **Red – High Risk** operational zone until further notice due to the availability of staff (Factor 6). This is in accordance with NWABSD Return after Winter Break policy to quarantine staff who traveled and keep our students, staff and communities safe. Maniilaq Health has reported 0 COVID-19 positive cases with impact to the community in these villages in the last 14 days.

**No NWABSD schools** are currently operating in **Green – Low Risk** operational zone.

**\*Note:** Kotzebue is the regional hub and frequently cares for COVID-19 positive, Borough-wide residents while they isolate. The Kotzebue row on the chart below reflects the total Northwest Arctic Borough population (7,423 people) and the number of positive COVID-19 cases that impact Kotzebue.

School risk operational zones are determined on an individual school basis in coordination with Maniilaq Health, local village leaders, and NWABSD Administration. Factors for changing risk operational zones include:

1. The number of positive cases,
2. The level of case impact to the community,
3. Number of quarantined cases,
4. The level of community compliance to current mandates,
5. Level of travel for residents, and
6. Availability of staff.



= Current Maniilaq Health status of positive cases with impact in each village in the last 14 days.  
 = Remote Learning due to factors other than positive cases.

Location	School Status & Number of Positive In-Village COVID-19 Cases in a 14-Day Period												
	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
Ambler	Green	Yellow	Yellow with heart icon	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Kobuk	Green	Yellow with heart icon	Yellow with heart icon and stripes	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Shungnak	Green	Yellow	Yellow with heart icon	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Noorvik	Green	Yellow	Yellow with heart icon	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Kiana	Green	Yellow with heart icon	Yellow with heart icon and stripes	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Selawik	Green	Yellow	Yellow with heart icon	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Buckland	Green	Yellow	Yellow with heart icon	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Deering	Green	Yellow	Yellow with heart icon	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Noatak	Green	Yellow	Yellow with heart icon	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Kivalina	Green	Yellow	Yellow with heart icon	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red with heart icon
Kotzebue* (uses Borough population)	Green	Yellow	Yellow with heart icon	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red with heart icon

For up-to-date case counts and expected date of status change please visit [www.nwarctic.org/covidcalendar](http://www.nwarctic.org/covidcalendar).

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 VISION: To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future