



NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ambler · Buckland · Deering · Kiana · Kivalina · Kobuk · Kotzebue · Noatak · Noorvik · Selawik · Shungnak
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Kobuk, Shungnak, Deering and Buckland schools are currently operating in the **Red High-Risk** operational zone until further notice due to the level of case impact to the community and the level of community transmission (Factors 1 & 2 — see below).

Kivalina school is currently operating in the **Red High-Risk** operational zone until further notice due to the level of case impact to the community (Factors 1 — see below).

All other schools are currently operating in the **Green Low-Risk** operational zone.

KMHS, Kiana, and Kobuk schools have had a student or staff member that was diagnosed with COVID after having attended school since our last report on 01/20/2021. Parents/staff were notified immediately, and all potentially exposed students and staff were identified.

To date, the NWABSD has had:

5 Possible classroom/school transmission (2 or more students/staff diagnosed w/ COVID)

8 Students/staff diagnosed with COVID upon return from out-of-region District sponsored travel

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 level of case impact to the community,
2. The level of community transmission,
3. The level of community compliance to current mandates,
4. Vaccination coverage,
5. Availability of staff, and
6. Other.

See the chart below for risk level statuses by school:

Green Low-Risk Operational Zone

Ambler
JNES
Kiana
KMHS
Noatak
Noorvik
Selawik

Red High-Risk Operational Zone

Buckland
Deering
Kivalina
Kobuk
Shungnak



The NWABSD encourages you to discuss vaccination and boosters with your Health Aide, Nurse Practitioner, or Family Doctor and to consider getting your children 5 years and older vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible.