



## **WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Staff and Families of Wrangell Public School District:

Recently, we were notified that a staff member in Stikine Middle School and Wrangell High School has tested positive for COVID-19. As members of the school community, we understand this raises concerns, along with care for the individuals affected.

We are working closely with the Wrangell EOC and State Public Health Department to respond to this news and protect the health of our community by taking the following steps:

- All students who have been in close contact with the person who tested positive will be contacted directly by our school district staff. Any student who is considered a close contact will need to remain at home for a [14 day quarantine period](#). We will be working with those students to implement/continue remote learning.
- Close contacts will also be called by a public health official as part of the contact tracing investigation. Please answer that call and cooperate with public health officials to help protect others.
- If contact tracing investigations determine that more students or staff may have been exposed, those contacts will be notified promptly. The school community will be contacted if any further action is needed.
- Stikine Middle School and Wrangell High School will immediately transition from in-person learning to remote learning. Students should log into their online classes at the scheduled times. If they have technical issues or difficulties, contact Katelyn Reeves at 874-3393. Evergreen Elementary is not affected and will remain with in person learning at this time.
- We continue to encourage all parents take their student's temperature and monitor students closely for any sign of potential illness.
- Students should remain at home if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 including: fever (defined as temperature over 100.4F), new or persistent cough, new trouble breathing or shortness of breath, chills, night sweats, sore throat, body aches, muscle aches, joint pain,

headache, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, and/or stomach issues (diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain).

- SEARHC can be contacted regarding testing for symptomatic individuals and testing is available each weekend for asymptomatic individuals.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is by wearing a face mask, physical distancing, and practicing good health hygiene. Be sure to wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water, cover your coughs and sneezes, and avoid contact with people who have signs of illness. Get plenty of rest, exercise, and eat a healthy diet.

We will keep you updated with any new information as it comes out, while meeting the requirements to protect everyone's right to privacy.

If you have further questions, please call the District Office at 907-874-2347.

Sincerely,



Dr Debbe Lancaster

Superintendent, Wrangell Public Schools