



Lower  
Kuskokwim  
School  
District

## **COVID-19 (Corona Virus) Guidelines for LKSD Schools**

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### **School Closure Extension**

On Friday, March 20, 2020 Governor Dunleavy announced an extension of the mandatory closure of all K-12 schools in Alaska to students until May 1, 2020. All student activities continue to be suspended until further notice. All facility use has been suspended until further notice.

**This includes all LKSD basketball courts, playdecks, playgrounds and property in general.**

### **Mandate for Employees Regarding Travel**

**Until further notice ALL travel for LKSD purposes is suspended. If, due to an emergency situation, there is a need for travel to one of our communities, such travel shall be allowed only with the explicit approval of the Superintendent. All travel to villages must also be approved by the local tribal authority and in support of life/safety related infrastructure.**

#### **Additionally**

**\*Issued by the State of Alaska Department of Health & Social Services and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anne Zink\***

Any LKSD employee who is returning from out of state travel starting Friday, March 20 is required to self-quarantine for 14 days. Following that period, appropriate social distancing should be followed.

Starting Friday, March 20, any LKSD employee who is returning from travel in-state from a community with known cases of COVID-19 is required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival to their destination community and monitor for symptoms of illness. Following that period, appropriate social distancing should be followed.

Employees who returned prior to Friday, March 20 will continue to follow the guidance previously issued for Medium and High-Risk areas.

**It is important for every employee to educate themselves about the facts and myths of the spread of the COVID-19.**

## Shelter In Place

### Alaska Health Mandate 11 Issued March 27, 2020

All persons in Alaska, except for those engaged in essential health care services, public government services, and essential business activities, are mandated to remain at their place of residence and practice social distancing. For the purpose of this mandate, social distancing is defined as maintaining a distance of six feet or greater from any individuals with whom you do not currently reside.

For purposes of this Mandate, covered businesses include any for-profit, non-profit, or **educational entities**, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or corporate or entity structure.

For LKSD Employees, this mandate allows us to continue essential employees to work. Schools will allow essential employees to work in shifts and have access to the school to continue distance delivery education and food service functions. It is imperative that schools and essential employees practice social distancing and reduce the number of employees in our facilities at any one time.

### **Essential Employees ONLY**

**Effective Immediately**, and continuing until further notice, LKSD will be implementing an “essential employees” only policy in our facilities.

**Who are essential employees?** Essential employees are maintenance, custodial, food service and SA. All other employees are directed to work from home or telework to the greatest extent possible.

On a case by case basis, the Site Administrator or supervisor may make exceptions to allow for limited teaching and support staff to be in the building to work to continue the education delivery for our students.

For District Office staff, each supervisor, in collaboration with the Superintendent and Ass't. Superintendent, will determine essential staff in their department.

**The idea is to severely limit social contact. Social Distancing is critical at this point in time to limit the spread of the virus. Proper hand hygiene is critical.**

**PLEASE DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF GERMS DURING THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS!**