



Community Update – January 2021

District Calendar

January 15

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

January 18

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 27

International Holocaust
Remembrance Day

Upcoming ASD Events

Monday, January 18

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Students do not attend school

Tuesday, January 19

Return to School In-Person Pre-K–2
Pre-K–2, K–6 self-contained special
needs programs, and the Whaley
School will begin in-person school

Thursday and Friday, February 11–12

Elementary Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Monday, February 15

President's Day Holiday
Students do not attend school

Friday, February 26

Districtwide Asynchronous
Learning Day



ASD Nurses and Staff Lead Major Community Vaccination Clinic



Anchorage School District nurses, with the support of ASD staff and volunteers, have begun administering the first round of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to community members at the ASD Education Center. The District is vaccinating nearly 1,000 individuals per day in the ASD clinic. The ASD Health Services Department is currently supporting the state's vaccine efforts by providing vaccinations for Alaska healthcare workers and community members 65 and older (Phase 1a, Tier 3 and Phase 1b, Tier 1).

As a community vaccination location, ASD is following the [Department of Health and Human Services Vaccine plan](#), which outlines the vaccine eligibility. Community members should review the DHSS plan to determine their eligibility.

To receive a vaccine, community members must sign up for a scheduled time slot. Access to this process can be found on the state's website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx>.

Visit the [ASD website](#) for more information.

ASD Back-In-School Information

Below are some resources from the District to help families understand how daily routines may change as we prepare to return to learning in-person.



- The [ASD Back-in-School flyer](#) highlights the information that families need to know about returning to school, school hours each day, bus transportation, and other key points.
- [2020-2021 Return to School Operational Guidelines](#): This document reviews expectations around face coverings, meal and water breaks, classroom changes, PE, recess, school busses, extracurriculars, and more.
- [Keep ASD Symptom Free](#) At Home Health Screening for Parents and Guardians: This document lists a series of questions families should ask at home daily before sending students to school.
- [Airplane Arms: Navigating Back to School: Getting Tested and Returning to School](#).
- Individual school plans can be found online here:
 - » [Preschools](#)
 - » [Elementary schools](#)
 - » [Middle schools](#)
 - » [High schools](#)
 - » [Alternative schools](#)
- **742-HELP** is a useful resource for families seeking information on everything from technology questions to mental wellness services.
- **Student Nutrition** - Meals for students attending eligible National School Lunch Program schools are currently available at no charge. Please visit the [Student Nutrition website](#) for services offered and more information.
- **COVID-19 Resources** -
 - » **Vaccine Eligibility**: The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has outlined COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation details that include the education sector as frontline essential workers who will begin receiving the vaccine in Phase 1b, Tier 2.

Good Things:

Congratulations, Fall 2020 Denali Award Winners!

Four ASD employees and two teams of colleagues are recipients of the Denali Award, a biannual recognition program that honors ASD employees who have shown outstanding achievement, service, and dedication in ensuring every student has the opportunity to achieve his or her potential. The Anchorage School Board recognized the winners at its January meeting.

Due to the constraints of COVID-19, the District was unable to collect nominations for the Spring 2020 Denali Awards. Considering this, the number of winning categories were expanded from three to six for 2020 cycle.

A list of the Fall 2020 winners is available [here](#).

ASD COVID-19 Testing Sites Throughout January

Throughout the month of January, the Municipality of Anchorage will conduct COVID-19 testing at select ASD sites. This COVID-19 PCR testing service is open to the public and free of charge. Testing will be conducted by Visit Healthcare. It is helpful to schedule your visit ahead of time online.

The list below outlines available dates and ASD testing sites. All testing sites will be open 8 a.m. through 7 p.m.

COVID-19 Testing Sites

- Friday, January 8 at Abbott Loop Elementary
- Saturday, January 9 at North Star Elementary
- Monday, January 11 at Central Middle School
- Friday, January 15 at Nunaka Valley Elementary
- Saturday, January 16 at Williwaw Elementary
- Monday, January 18 at AK Native Cultural Charter
- Friday, January 22 at Ptarmigan Elementary
- Saturday, January 23 at Creekside Elementary
- Monday, January 25 at Airport Heights Elementary
- Friday, January 29 at Tyson Elementary
- Saturday, January 30 at Lake Hood Elementary

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