



Aleutians East Borough School District

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Greetings Members of the AEBSD Community:

As you all know, on Friday September 25, 2020 AEBSD became aware of a positive COVID-19 case in Sand Point and the school was closed to students through October 2, 2020. On Friday October 2, 2020 we were made aware of 2 more positive COVID-19 cases. This was documented in Eastern Aleutian Tribes CEO Paul Mueller's letter distributed on October 2, 2020 and is attached below.

The recent positive cases in Sand Point do tie to Sand Point School because contact tracing suggests possible exposure to a student. The extent to which this has occurred is unknown, however, EAT and the Department of Health and Social Services continue to investigate and encourage those who may have been exposed to known positives to get tested. EAT continues to provide liberal testing schedules for interested citizens of Sand Point. Please contact the EAT Clinic to find out when testing is available. Going forward, any individual identified as a close contact will be instructed to quarantine for 14 days and will be referred to the EAT Clinic. The school district will continue to implement the necessary parts of the SMART START plan developed over this past summer.

The Aleutians East Borough School District administration is in regular contact with EAT, and the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) who have been monitoring the situation closely. It is worthy of noting that all decisions regarding school scheduling changes and school safety in this COVID-19 environment will be made with the input of the aforementioned agencies and individuals whose schedules often include working weekends and evenings. We do the best we can to make decisions in a timely manner.

Sand Point School is being regularly sanitized based on CDC guidelines. At this time, Sand Point School will be closed to students from October 5, 2020 through October 9, 2020 during which time we will be further evaluating the situation. If Sand Point School will be closed beyond October 9, 2020 we will notify the community as appropriate.

Sincerely,

Patrick Mayer,
Superintendent