



Kali School

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Highlighted School Report

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Kali School moved to Red Status on September 10th and has remained at Red Status since. Current projections have us at Red Status until at least November 15th. However, as more cases are identified, that date may need to be moved further into November. We reached a high of 25 positive cases and despite a dip to 7 earlier during the week of September 20-24, active cases have risen again to 25 as of October 15th. As of the revision of this post there are currently 8 positive cases as reported by the PHN. The current mitigation plan indicates that if there are any positive cases in Point Lay, the school will remain on Red Status until all active cases have been listed as “recovered.” So far several students have gotten sick and a number of staff as well. The local covid mitigation team met on October 27th and agreed to keep the school at Red Status in accordance with the plan. However, we will contact the PHN for more testing options and reconvene within the next 10 days.

While we are at Red Status staff have been preparing packets to send out to students for school work each week. Despite getting short warning on the 10th, staff were ready Monday morning September 13th. Staff are also making contacts with families in any way they can. VHF announcements, text and cell calls, emails, letters, and even Facebook Messenger have been employed to communicate with parents and students. While we hope the Red Status will not continue much longer, we will continue to look for ways to make connections with kids and families to keep instruction going throughout the lockdown.

Before we went to Red Status, school was off to a great start. Each morning we start our day in the gym as a whole school, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in both English and Inupiat. Each day also starts with recognition of students or announcements as well as an encouraging message from the principal. Night Rec had also started and kids were excited about coming back up to the school in the evening for library and gym times. We also had nearly twenty high school students signed up to start our mixed six volleyball season. Unfortunately, we were in the midst of MAP and AImswest testing when the Red Status began, and we were only about half way

through our testing efforts. We are hopeful that everyone recovers and we can get back into school soon.

We want to recognize Jason Baker, in our Maintenance department, and Julianna Moore, our Cook's helper. Before and after we went on Red Status, Jason and Julianna had to pick up additional duties when our Plant Manager Stephen Manuel, and Cook William Gustafson were sent to help the severely understaffed school in Nuiqsut. Jason and Julianna did a great job getting all the extra work done over several weeks and the rest of the crew pitched in as well. Stephen has done a great job preparing his team. He was able to leave for several weeks to help another NSBSD site and things here continued to run smoothly.

In terms of certified staffing for this year, we had five teachers return and hired four new teachers. In addition we have two long term subs helping out in our elementary. The only certified position still vacant is our counselor position. We are also advertising for several classified positions including our Home School Coordinator and our Librarian, and should complete the hiring process soon.