



**Building Strong Foundations with Alaska Native Families through Alaska
Native Cultures and Education**

Monday, April 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

Last week Governor Dunleavy officially announced the closure of face-to-face school for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Cook Inlet Native Head Start follows the Anchorage School District calendar as closely as possible to include weather and emergency closures. With that being said, Cook Inlet Native Head Start will not open our classrooms to our students for the remainder of the school year. We will continue to post learning activities, as well as educational and mental health links on the Cook Inlet Native Head Start website through May 27th for Head Start and June 29th for our Early Head Start families. Home Base will continue to provide services through the end of July with virtual learning opportunities.

Family Advocates will also be available through the duration of the program year. They will continue to check in and direct families to available community resources to help families navigate through this crisis. The department managers will be available by phone through the summer by calling (907) 433-1600. Please leave a message and the managers will get back to you as soon as we can.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we wait for guidance on the best way for families/parents to collect items left in their child's cubby or the Certified Medical Assistant's office. If you are concerned about something specific left at the school please call (907)433-1600 and leave a detailed message. As soon as it is safe we will call you to make arrangements to return the item or items you're concerned about. We are going to prioritize the safety of our staff and families and closely track the CDC guidelines and Governor Dunleavy's recommendations for social distancing and guidance before we can allow parents and/or staff to enter the building.

We sincerely want to thank all of our families for being a part of Cook Inlet Native Head Start. We wish you a safe and healthy summer and can't wait to see many of you again next school year.

Respectfully,

Lori Scott, Education Manager

Phillip Charette, Family and Community Partnership Manager