



March 17, 2020

Northland Scholars Academy COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Agencies:

The current pandemic has caused us to closely consider on-campus operations for the fourth quarter at Northland Scholars Academy. On Friday, the Governor of Wisconsin ordered all schools, public and private, to close from March 19 to April 6. As of this Monday, the CDC has recommended that over the next 8 weeks groups postpone or cancel events that consist of 50 people or more. Yesterday, President Trump recommended that groups meeting in close proximity be limited to 10 persons. Many education institutions have transitioned to providing on-line courses to complete this semester. Even though we have a limited number of students and staff, in a somewhat self-contained environment, it does not mean we are immune to the decisions and issues around us. With concerns over the potential impact of coronavirus on students who live and attend classes in close proximity, Northland Scholars Academy - like hundreds of other educational institutions - is taking decisive action this week to enable our students to complete this semester successfully and mitigate risk to all members of our campus community. Thus, NSA has made the decision to end in-person classes on campus effective Tuesday, March 17th. Classes will resume through on-line delivery on Monday, March 23rd.

A primary concern in the boarding school environment is that our students live together in close proximity. Due to the likelihood of virus transmission if a student or a staff member were to contract the virus, NSA's dormitories will close for the school year on March 21, 2020. Arrangements will need to be made no later than March 21st for students to return to their homes or travel to a family member's home in the United States. Families who experience difficulties returning their child home due to international travel restrictions will need to contact our school office.

Students will have an opportunity to meet with faculty members to learn how their specific classes will move forward online. Our technical support team is working to ensure that all classes are transitioned to online learning. The school office and the operational departments will remain open as we work with students to finish this semester and prepare for the opening of a new academic year in August.

Update Summary

In-person classes end Tuesday, March 17
Dorms close on campus Saturday, March 21
Classes will begin through online delivery March 23
Spring Break remains March 30 - April 5
Classes will resume with online delivery April 6
Final exams will be given the week of May 4-8

Your student's safety is our number one priority, and we will do our best to ensure it. We will be of assistance as we navigate through these uncharted waters together. Thank you for your continued support and patience. It has been a pleasure serving your students this year.

Sincerely,

Thad Todd, Head of School