



Muckleshoot Head Start Program

December 29, 2021

Dear Muckleshoot Head Start Program Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

As you may have heard COVID-19 cases are increasing in the Muckleshoot Community and the State of Washington right now. This isn't surprising since the Christmas, and New Year's holidays have historically seen a spike in cases after holidays when families and friends traditionally gather.

That being said, we wanted to inform all of our families that the Muckleshoot Head Start Program Administration, Muckleshoot Department of Education and Tribal Leadership have determined that it is in the best interest of the school and community to transition **all Muckleshoot Head Start Program classrooms (Cougars, Salmon, Eagles, Orcas, Cubs, Hawks and Hummingbirds) to a 100% Online Learning program starting Tuesday, January 4, 2022 returning to in-person learning on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.** This will allow a two-week buffer after the New Year's holiday to determine the COVID-19 impact that the holiday season has had on the Muckleshoot Community. **We believe that all students will be returning to in-person instruction in our Muckleshoot Head Start classrooms on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.**

As a reminder to everyone; if your child or anyone in the household develops symptoms, COVID-19 testing is available to your student and your household at the MIT Health and Wellness Center Testing and Triage Tent located at 17500 SE 392nd Street, Auburn, WA 98092. The MIT Testing and Triage Tent is open Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm. You may also contact your primary care provider.

Please be aware of and look for the following possible symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance:

**Fever or Chills
Cough
Nasal congestion or runny nose
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Diarrhea**

**Nausea or vomiting
Stomachache
Tiredness
Headache
Muscle or body aches
Poor Appetite**

The MIT COVID-19 HOTLINE (253-294-8159) is also available to answer any questions from 8am to 6pm, 7 days per week.

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