



## **Alaska Communications Provides Free, High-Speed WiFi to the Public at Select Locations**

*Community can access internet hotspots from their vehicles at 10 schools in Anchorage and Fairbanks*

In response to the high demand for wireless internet during social distancing measures, [Alaska Communications](#) (NASDAQ: ALSK) is proud to announce free, wireless internet access points for community members.

Through a partnership with Anchorage and Fairbanks North Star Borough school districts, this week, the company set up public hotspots at 10 schools.

Individuals can drive to designated school parking lots and connect from their vehicles for free. Users simply open their WiFi settings and select ConnectWithACS. Each hotspot has high-speed capability, up to 1 gig, and can connect 250 devices simultaneously.

“Our network is well-prepared to support telecommuting, telemedicine and distance education,” said Bill Bishop, Alaska Communications president and CEO. “In addition, a lot of people are at home and on the internet like never before. We are meeting this increase in demand.”

The public WiFi hotspots are available at the following locations:

### **Anchorage schools**

- Begich Middle School
- Clark Middle School
- Hanshew Middle School
- Eagle River High School
- East High School
- Dimond High School
- West High School

### **Fairbanks schools**

- Pearl Creek Elementary School
- Ticasuk Brown Elementary School
- Weller Elementary School

The company is looking at other locations in the state for additional WiFi hotspots and has taken several additional steps to keep the Alaska community connected to what matters most and support individuals in a time of need.

- Free internet service for teachers and students who previously didn't have it. To date, more than 340 homes are connected through this opportunity.
- Increased capacity to health care providers at no additional cost. This effort supports bandwidth needed for telemedicine practices.

- Customers whose lives have been disrupted by the pandemic will not lose their service.

“We know there are a lot of people in our communities facing hard times. We’re grateful to be able to make things a little bit easier for them,” said Bishop.

**About Alaska Communications**

Alaska Communications (NASDAQ: ALSK) is the leading provider of advanced broadband and managed IT services for businesses and consumers in Alaska. The company operates a highly reliable, advanced statewide data network with the latest technology and the most diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous U.S. For more information, visit [www.alaskacommunications.com](http://www.alaskacommunications.com) or [www.alsk.com](http://www.alsk.com).

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