

# **\*\* COVID-19 HEALTH MANDATE \*\***

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To slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing its seventeenth health mandate, based on its authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020.

Given the ongoing concern for new cases of COVID-19 being transmitted via community spread within the state, Governor Dunleavy and the State of Alaska issued Mandate 017 to **become effective April 24, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. This Mandate has been reviewed, and will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.**

This Mandate is issued to protect the public health of Alaskans. By issuing this Mandate, the Governor is establishing consistent mandates across the State in order to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. The goal is to flatten the curve and disrupt the spread of the virus.

The purpose of this Mandate is to enact protective measures for independent commercial fishing vessels operating within Alaskan waters and ports in order to prevent, slow, and otherwise disrupt the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

The State of Alaska acknowledges the importance of our commercial fishing fleet to our economy and lifestyle as Alaskans. In order to ensure a safe, productive fishing season this year, while still protecting Alaskan communities to the maximum extent possible from the spread of the virus, the State is establishing standardized protective measures to be followed by all independent commercial fishing vessels operating in Alaskan waters and ports.

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## **Health Mandate 017 – Protective Measures for Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels.**

### **I. Applicability**

- a. Definition: For the purposes of this Mandate, “independent commercial fishing vessels” are defined as all catcher and tender vessels that have not agreed to operate under a fleet-wide plan submitted by a company, association, or entity that represents a fleet of vessels. This Mandate alleviates the requirement for independent commercial fishing vessels to submit a Community/Workforce Protective Plan in response to Health Mandate 010.
- b. For the purposes of this Mandate, “independent commercial fishing harvesters” are defined as all commercial fishing harvesters who do not meet the definition for independent commercial fishing vessels above, and that have not agreed to operate under a fleet-wide plan submitted by a company, association, or entity that represents a fisheries sector. This Mandate alleviates the requirement for independent commercial fishing harvesters to submit a Community/Workforce Protective Plan in response to Health Mandate 010.

### **II. Required Protective Measures/Plans**

- a. Independent commercial fishing vessels operating in Alaskan waters and ports must enact the protective measures and procedures described in Appendix 01, the Alaska Protective Plan for Commercial Fishing Vessels.
- b. Vessel captains must enact controls on their vessel to ensure crewmember compliance with this Mandate.
- c. Independent commercial fishing harvest operations in Alaskan waters must enact the protective measures and procedures described in Appendix 03, the Alaska Protective Plan for Independent Commercial Fishing Harvesters.
- d. Site Managers must enact controls at their harvesting operation to ensure harvester compliance with this Mandate.

### **III. Travel and Access**

- a. Compliance with this Mandate does not constitute a right to travel or access into any areas.
- b. It is incumbent upon the individual traveler to ensure that any proposed travel itinerary is still possible, and to adhere to any additional restrictions enacted by air carriers and lodging facilities or by small communities.

### **IV. Compliance and Penalties**

- a. Vessel captains and Site Managers are required to maintain documentation as directed by Appendix 01, Paragraph I, or Appendix 03, Paragraph III, and must provide a copy of the Mandate 017 Acknowledgement Form (Appendix 02) upon

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request by any seafood purchasing agent or Federal, State, or local authority, to include law enforcement and fisheries regulators.

- b. A violation of a State COVID-19 Mandate may subject a business or organization to an order to cease operations and/or a civil fine of up to \$1,000 per violation.
- c. In addition to the potential civil fines noted above, a person or organization that fails to follow the State COVID-19 Mandates designed to protect the public health from this dangerous virus and its impacts may, under certain circumstances, also be criminally prosecuted for Reckless Endangerment pursuant to Alaska Statute 11.41.250. Reckless endangerment is defined as follows:
  - (a) A person commits the crime of reckless endangerment if the person recklessly engages in conduct, which creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to another person.
  - (b) Reckless endangerment is a class A misdemeanor.

Pursuant to Alaska Statute 12.55.135, a defendant convicted of a class A misdemeanor may be sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment of not more than one year.

Additionally, under Alaska Statute 12.55.035, a person may be fined up to \$25,000 for a class A misdemeanor, and a business organization may be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding the greatest of \$2,500,000 for a misdemeanor offense that results in death, or \$500,000 for a class A misdemeanor offense that does not result in death.

**This Mandate Supersedes And Replaces All Previously Submitted Protective Plans For Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels.**

**This Mandate Does Not Supersede Or Replace Any Previously Enacted Protective Plans For Corporate Vessel Fleets.**

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- I. Documentation.** Vessel captains are required to maintain a ship's log as a written or time-stamped electronic document covering, at a minimum, the following information:
- a. An acknowledgement of the requirements of this Mandate and an explicit description of which protective plan (State Mandate 017 or fleet-wide plan) they are enacting and enforcing on the vessel.
  - b. Certification that crew members have been screened upon arrival in accordance with Paragraph III.
  - c. Certification when crewmembers have completed self-quarantine in accordance with Paragraph IV.
  - d. In the event of a sick crewmember, documentation of the information required in Paragraph VII.c.iii.

For the 2020 season, each independent vessel captain must sign the Health Mandate 017 Acknowledgement Form (Appendix 02) prior to actively participating in the 2020 commercial fishing season. This form will indicate that the captain and owner will comply with the Mandate.

Prior to accepting any fish, or making any payment for fish to an independent fishing vessel, a tender or processor must receive and confirm a signed copy of the vessel's Acknowledgement Form. The vessel captain must submit a copy of the Acknowledgement Form the first time they sell fish to a tender or processor. Subsequent sales to the same tender or processor do not require submission of another copy of the Acknowledgement Form (*e.g.*, the form only needs to be submitted once, per fishing season, per tender or processor), but every tender or processor that an independent commercial fishing vessel sells to must have, and retain until December 31, 2020, a signed copy of the Acknowledgement Form. This form shall be provided to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game upon request.

By accepting the Acknowledgement Form, the tender or processor may rely upon the submission of the Acknowledgement Form as proof of compliance of Health Mandate 017 and Appendix 01. The tender or processor is not required to confirm compliance with

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Health Mandate 017 and Appendix 01, other than to collect the Acknowledgment Form, and assumes no liability for any failure to comply by any independent commercial fishing vessels.

**II. Travel Procedures.**

- a. All crewmembers in transit on commercial or chartered aircraft must wear a cloth face covering that meets the recommendations contained in Health Alert 010. This face covering must be worn while transiting air terminals (to be temporarily removed for security screening), while on the plane, and any follow-on ground transportation until they reach their self-quarantine facility (*e.g.*, bunkhouse, vessel or private lodging). Crewmembers shall clean or dispose of face coverings in accordance with Health Alert 010.
- b. Crewmembers in transit shall carry documentation from the vessel or company indicating that they are an essential Critical Infrastructure Worker as defined under State Health Mandates.
- c. Arriving crewmembers must proceed directly to the vessel or their designated self-quarantine location, must practice social distancing and avoid interaction with the community, and may not stop at any location between arrival at the local airport and transport to the vessel or self-quarantine location.

**III. Self-Quarantine.** The requirements of Health Mandate 010 remain in effect. All people arriving in Alaska, whether resident, worker, or visitor, are required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arriving in the State and monitor for illness. To the greatest extent possible, arriving people should self-quarantine at their final destination in Alaska.

- a. Arriving crewmembers should be aware that some local communities, boatyards, or harbor masters may have enacted additional protective measures, and must comply with those measures.
- b. Crewmembers' temperature shall be taken twice daily during self-quarantine. Should fever symptoms develop during quarantine, follow the **Identification** protocol in Paragraph VII (a), seek testing and medical treatment immediately if symptoms are suspected to be caused by COVID-19.
- c. If it is necessary for a crewmember to board the vessel before their 14-day quarantine ends (to work or because the vessel must get underway), the time on the vessel may count toward the 14 days.
- d. If a new crewmember joins a worksite or vessel prior to completing the 14-day self-quarantine after arrival at their final destination, they must complete their quarantine at the worksite or vessel. If it is not possible to fully quarantine in a

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separate room, the 14-day self-quarantine period must be restarted for the entire crew.

- e. For crewmembers who live locally, or return to port daily, crewmembers and families or roommates shall practice social distancing for the duration of the season.
- f. Workers living on shore during their 14- day self-quarantine period, may only travel directly between their designated self-quarantine lodging and worksite. They must observe self-quarantine restrictions when not on the worksite.
- g. The time spent in transit from the final out-of-state port to Alaska on a vessel, demonstrated through a ship’s log or equivalent record, will count towards the in-state, 14-day mandatory self-quarantine period if all protective measures are followed.
- h. The vessel must report that it is undergoing self-quarantine, or has a self-quarantined crewmember on board, if it has any contact with another vessel, a processor, or a harbormaster. Vessels are required to fly a “Lima” flag or similar yellow and black pennant if they have any crew on board still under self-quarantine.
- i. Once the initial self-quarantine period after arriving in the State has been observed, there is no requirement to repeat the self-quarantine period when moving between Alaskan communities.

**IV. Screening of Personnel.** All crewmembers will be screened upon arrival to the vessel, using the following procedures, or an equivalent medically- vetted procedure. Vessel captains may wish to arrange for dedicated spaces to conduct private arrival screening.

- a. Verbal Screening Questions
  - i. Have you experienced any cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, sore throat, unusual fatigue or symptoms of acute respiratory illness in the last 72 hours?
  - ii. Have you experienced a fever (100.4° F [38° C] or greater using an oral thermometer) within the last 72 hours?
  - iii. Have you experienced signs of a fever such as chills, aches and pains, etc. within the last 72 hours?
  - iv. In the past 14 days, have you traveled in an area or country with widespread COVID-19 transmission without practicing social distancing?
  - v. Have you had contact, within the past 14 days, with a lab-confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case patient? (Contact defined as being within six feet of a COVID-19 case patient for a prolonged period of time (ten

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minutes or more) or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case patient)?

- b. Physical Screening
  - i. Each crewmember shall demonstrate a measured temperature < 100.4°F. (This reference is for oral temperature, a forehead (temporal) scanner is usually 0.5°F (0.3°C) to 1°F (0.6°C) lower than an oral temperature. An ear (tympanic) temperature is 0.5°F (0.3°C) to 1°F (0.6°C) higher than an oral temperature.)
  - ii. Anyone performing a physical screening shall wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). If PPE is not available, the crewmember may take their own temperature.
  - iii. Each crewmember must be free of fever or respiratory symptoms. A possible exception would be if a crewmember has mild symptoms that are clearly attributable to another source (i.e., allergies).
- c. If a crewmember fails verbal or physical screening, or is displaying viral symptoms, they will not be allowed to board.
- d. Additionally, vessel captains should assess each crewmember's individual risk factors (*e.g.*, older age; presence of chronic medical conditions, including immunocompromising conditions) and enact additional protective measures as needed to minimize their risk.

**V. Protecting the Public.** It is anticipated that catcher and tender vessels may have local community contact for the following reasons: offload, resupply, and maintenance; planned shipyard work at the beginning of the season; vessels that return to port daily or frequently as part of their fishery; medical or other unforeseen emergencies. Vessel captains and crewmembers must use the following procedures to limit contact with members of the public to the greatest extent possible:

- a. For crewmembers who live locally or return to port daily, crewmembers and families or roommates must comply with Health Mandate 011 on social distancing.
- b. Other crew may not disembark the vessel while in port for non-essential purposes.
- c. All face-to-face interaction between crew and shore-based workers will be kept to an absolute minimum, such as receiving for supplies, off-loading catch, fish tickets, and refueling. Those interactions that cannot be conducted remotely must follow social distancing guidelines.
- d. When contracting for services, vessel captains shall ensure that vendors providing services to, or onboard, vessels in port use the following procedures:

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- i. If possible, any deliveries shall be made without a vendor boarding a vessel. The delivery shall be disinfected, if possible, before bringing it on board.
  - ii. In the event that a vendor must board a vessel, they must undergo the same screening as a crewmember boarding a vessel and be denied boarding if they have a fever, respiratory symptoms, or a high-risk COVID-19 exposure in the prior 14 days.
  - iii. Vendors shall wear a mask and face shield on board and shall wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to boarding and after leaving.
  - iv. Vendors and crew must practice social distancing and remain six feet apart, if possible.
  - v. Where feasible, use methods of communication that minimize yelling (such as radios or microphones).
  - vi. If working in an engine room, keep ventilation fans running for circulation, even at the dock.
  - vii. Try to allow vendors to work alone and use only the absolute minimum required number of workers in a space.
  - viii. Carefully control the ingress and egress of vendors from the vessel.
  - ix. If vendors must use onboard tools they must be disinfected prior to and after use.
  - x. After a vendor leaves, the ship shall be disinfected and all crew shall wash hands.
- e. Vessel captains shall check in with the harbormaster prior to any port of call, and follow the directives of harbormasters while in their ports.
  - f. Private sector businesses such as retailers, hotels, and air carriers may also enact additional measures as a part of their protective plans, which must be followed in order to obtain their services.

**VI. On Board Protective Measures.** All crewmembers must receive training on the requirements of this Mandate, including Appendix 01. Vessel captains shall enact protective measures as appropriate to their vessel size and design in order to limit proximity of persons while onboard or underway.

- a. Vessel captains should consider limiting the number of crewmembers allowed in operational spaces such as the wheelhouse and engine room. These social distancing measures are not required if the entire vessel crew is comprised of members of a single-family unit. These social distancing measures may not be possible on smaller vessels.

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- b. Best practices for galleys and mess areas are:
- i. Ensure all crew wash hands before eating or touching any food items or utensils.
  - ii. Any crew with cough or respiratory symptoms must eat separately. Galley shall be prepared to send individual meals to sick crew and clean dishes separately.
  - iii. Eliminate buffet or family-style dining and any common serving dishes. Identify one crewmember to handle food and to prepare a plate for each crew. Do not allow serving utensils to be shared.
  - iv. Consider having a galley crewmember prepare individual snacks for the day and distribute to each crewmember. Eliminate common bowls of snacks or opportunities for multiple people to touch food or packaged food products.
  - v. Galley crew shall practice meticulous hand and cough hygiene and shall wear a mask and gloves while serving food.
  - vi. Some additional protective measures may include:
    1. Self-service utensils – to reduce the opportunity for items to be touched by multiple people, set up trays with utensils on them and hand them out or set table before service.
    2. Use of single- use cups/plates/etc.
    3. Aggressive sanitizing of push button/lever beverage dispensers, condiments, etc. – areas that people may be touching during the meal service.
    4. Stagger meal breaks to reduce the number of people in the galley at one time or reducing the seating capacity in the galley so people are spaced farther apart.
    5. Ensure people sanitize their hands on the way to and from the galley.
- c. Best practices for cleaning and sanitation of PPE, surfaces, and spaces are:
- i. Dedicated person(s) shall be assigned to the tasks of cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting. After tasks are completed, they shall spray disinfectant chemical on the soles of their shoes, to prevent any cross-contamination. They shall also change out of their uniform, send to laundry in sealed bag, and take a shower. Consider the use of “dissolvable laundry bags” for contaminated linen and clothing.

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- ii. Daily disinfection of surfaces that people touch frequently can help decrease the spread of germs. When illness has been identified on board, consider disinfecting surfaces multiple times per day.
  - iii. Surfaces that people touch a lot (door handles, railings, light switches, chairs and tables) and bathroom and kitchen surfaces shall be cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected at least three times a day.
  - iv. Vessels must have in place a detailed procedure for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting a vessel and disposing of PPE.
- d. Vessel captains shall encourage basic common hygiene practices, such as: frequent and thorough hand washing; respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes; discouraging crewmembers from using others' personal property, work tools, and equipment.
- e. Crewmembers are required to stay in their assigned accommodations if they are sick.
- f. For any material (e.g., lines, fish tickets) that must be passed between vessels or to shore, crewmembers shall wear gloves and face coverings when handling material and perform hand hygiene after transfer. Crewmembers must disinfect any new supplies that arrive on board. After handling material, crew shall remove and discard or wash gloves, immediately wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, and then disinfect any personal items they may have touched, such as radios.
- g. If the crew will be completing the 14-day self-quarantine on board, it is acceptable to continue to fish during this time. Restrict contact with tenders or shore-personnel as much as possible. If contact with other vessels or personnel must occur, adhere to the safety plans set up by tender or port facilities, and utilize the following precautions:
- i. Restrict personnel from boarding the vessel, any communication shall be done by phone or radio instead of in person if possible
  - ii. Wipe down rails, door handles, and surfaces frequently with disinfecting wipes.
  - iii. Vessels are required to fly a "Lima" flag or similar yellow and black pennant if they have any crew on board under quarantine.

**VII. Procedures for Crewmembers who Become Ill.** Vessels must follow the following procedures for identification, isolation and assessment of crewmembers who begin to show symptoms of infection:

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- a. **Identification.** Observe crew daily for:
- i. New signs of fever, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of smell or taste, unusual fatigue, or shortness of breath.
  - ii. If there is a respiratory illness identified on board, take temperature twice daily of each crewmember.
  - iii. If there are symptoms presenting, repeat the screening from Paragraph IV.
  - iv. If a crewmember screens “yes” to any of the verbal symptom questions (1-3), place a surgical mask on, if tolerated.
  - v. If a crewmember screens “yes” to BOTH: (1) any of the verbal symptom questions (1-3); AND (2) an epidemiological risk factor questions (4 or 5), place a surgical mask on crewmember. if tolerated. and isolate per the **Isolation** protocol below. If an isolation room is not available, the entire vessel will be considered under isolation.
  - vi. Evaluating provider must don appropriate PPE and begin to document who has had exposure to the crewmember within the last two days.
  - vii. If a crewmember screens “yes” to fever and respiratory symptoms, but does not clearly have an exposure that would qualify for a COVID-19 suspect case, seek medical evaluation and, at a minimum, recommend isolation. The crewmember shall wait to return to work until 72 hours AFTER the fever ends without the use of fever-reducing medications AND an improvement in initial symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath).
- b. **Isolation.** Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick. When possible, isolate sick crewmembers in a separate stateroom and designate a head that is only for isolated crew. In vessels that cannot accommodate individual isolation, consider the entire vessel under isolation for 14 days.
- i. If a crewmember is identified as a potential COVID-19 case, immediately ask them to wear a facemask (a surgical mask, not N-95), if tolerated. If there are no facemasks available, a cloth face covering may be used as a last resort.
  - ii. Place the crewmember in a private room with the door closed, ideally an airborne infection isolation room if available. Place a label on the door indicating no one is to enter the room without proper PPE. This room shall have separate toilet and bathing facilities.
  - iii. Any staff entering the room shall use Standard Precautions, Contact Precautions, and Airborne Precautions, and use eye protection such as

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goggles or a face shield. If N-95 masks are not available, a surgical mask may be considered an acceptable alternative at this time.

- iv. Access to the room shall be limited to personnel involved in direct care. Meals shall be delivered to the room and dishes and utensils cleaned separately. Anyone with exposure to the crewmember shall document the date and time of exposure, nature of exposure (close contact, same room, secretions), and PPE worn. Meticulous hand hygiene MUST be performed immediately after removing PPE.
  - v. Maintain a distance of six feet from the sick crewmember and keep interactions with them as brief as possible.
  - vi. Limit the number of people who interact with sick people. To the extent possible, have a single person give care and meals to the sick person.
  - vii. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - viii. Wash your hands often with sudsy soap and warm/hot water and wash your hands immediately after leaving the presence of the sick crewmember. If soap and water are not available, and if hands are not visibly soiled, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
  - ix. Provide tissues and access to soap and water, and ask the sick crewmembers to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue (or facemask) when coughing or sneezing.
- c. **Notification.** If person on vessel becomes ill with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, contact local public health nursing for further guidance:
- i. Dillingham Public Health Center: 842-5981
  - ii. Homer Public Health Center: 235-8857
  - iii. Ketchikan Public Health Center: 225-4350
  - iv. Kodiak Public Health Center: 486-3319
  - v. Nome Public Health Center: 443-3221
  - vi. Petersburg Public Health Center: 772-4611
  - vii. Sitka Public Health Center: 747-3255
  - viii. Valdez Public Health Center: 835-4612
  - ix. <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Nursing/Pages/locations.aspx>
- (a) For a person ill or injured and not suspected of COVID-19 follow established process to evaluate for establishing healthcare.

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(b) If the vessel containing an ill crewmember is not directed to shore-side medical attention, the vessel may continue to fish and complete a 14-day quarantine at sea. If unloading to a tender/processor is necessary during this time, the vessel must tell the tender/processor it has a sick crewmember on board. During the unloading, all crew must wear gloves and face coverings, and follow the procedures in Paragraph VI.g.

d. **Transportation.**

- i. Procedure on transportation of suspected COVID-19 cases at disembarkation.
- ii. For the crewmember with suspected COVID-19: A facemask shall be worn by the patient for source control. Follow guidance from Public Health Centers listed in IV.c. Notification.
- iii. If general medical issue, contact and seek medical care from local clinic.

e. **Quarantine.** Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. If separate staterooms with designated bathrooms are available, this procedure may be considered for individual crew. Otherwise, consider the entire vessel under quarantine.

- i. Passengers and crew members who have had high-risk exposures to a person suspected of having COVID-19 shall be quarantined in their cabins. All potentially exposed passengers, ship medical staff, and crewmembers shall avoid leaving the vessel and self-monitor under supervision of ship medical staff or telemedicine providers until 14 days after the last possible exposure (if the ill crewmember remained on the vessel and could not be fully separated from healthy crew, consider the entire vessel under quarantine for 14 days after the case is determined by public health to no longer need isolation). If an entire vessel is under quarantine, they may continue to work.
- ii. A high-risk exposure could occur through close contact with the suspected case without PPE. Close contact is defined as:
  1. being within approximately six feet (two meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time (ten minutes or longer); (close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case);

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2. having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on).
- iii. For a catcher or tender vessel with a suspected case, consider the entire crew to have had a high-risk exposure.
- iv. If personnel develop fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms of COVID-19 while in quarantine, they shall be isolated and undergo medical assessment, reporting and transportation as per the other relevant sections of this Mandate.
- v. Vessel management and telemedicine providers shall remain in contact with personnel through the self-monitoring period to oversee self-monitoring activities.
- vi. If the vessel returns to port with a sick crewmember, remaining crewmembers are not permitted to leave the vessel except to receive medical care or to move directly to a suitable quarantine location. No off-vessel work is permitted. The vessel must coordinate delivery of food or other necessities. Vessels are required to fly a “Lima” flag or similar yellow and black pennant if they have any crew on board under quarantine.
- vii. The remaining exposed crewmembers must complete a 14-day quarantine period, from the time the sick crewmember is transported, on the vessel or in a suitable quarantine location.

**VIII. Continuity of Fisheries Operations.**

- a. Vessel captains shall consider the impact that this pandemic will have on the fishing industry as a whole, their suppliers and wrap-around services such as fuel, groceries, and lodging.
- b. Vessel captains shall consider the potential impact to their operations that may arise as a result of outbreaks or increased rates of crewmember absenteeism, and enact plans for cross-training crewmembers to the greatest extent possible.
- c. Vessel captains must cease operations and return to port if they do not have enough healthy crewmembers remaining to safely operate the vessel.



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**SHORE-BASED FISHING OPERATION PROTECTIVE MEASURES**  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM – HEALTH MANDATE 017 APPENDIX 02**



The State of Alaska acknowledges the importance of our commercial fishing fleets to our economy and our lifestyle as Alaskans. In order to ensure a safe and productive fishing season this year while protecting Alaskan communities to the maximum extent possible from the spread of the coronavirus, protective measures are necessary for independent commercial fishing vessels and shore-based harvesting operations operating within Alaskan waters and ports in order to prevent, slow, and disrupt the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

<b>Vessel Name</b>		<b>USCG or ADFG #</b>	
<b>Home Port</b>			
<b>Shore-based Location</b>		<b>CFEC/Setnet Number(s)</b>	
<b>Vessel Captain or Site Manager Name(s)</b>			
<b>Total Onboard / On Site</b>			

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand all of the requirements of Mandate 017 and applicable appendices. As the person responsible for the above-named vessel or shore-based fishing operation, I hereby acknowledge and agree to: (initial one)

\_\_\_ Comply with the protective plan in Appendix 01 of Mandate 017 for my vessel for the 2020 fishing season.

\_\_\_ Comply with the fleet or association protective plan submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ for the 2020 fishing season.

\_\_\_ Comply with the protective plan in Appendix 03 of Mandate 017 for my harvesting operation for the 2020 fishing season.

I agree to comply with all other Mandates and health advisories issued by the State of Alaska and any local community mandates, ordinances, or directives that are not in direct conflict with this Mandate. I agree to keep a copy of this form and any other documentation required under this Mandate and the Appendixes for the entirety of the 2020 fishing season. I shall produce this form and any other required documentation upon request to the United States Coast Guard, the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Health and Social Services, and/or the Alaska State Troopers.

**CERTIFICATE:** I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above information I provided on this document is true and correct. I swear or affirm I will comply with all of the requirements set out in Health Mandate 017 and the Appendixes.

**WARNING:** If you provide false information on this form, you may be convicted of a Class B felony under AS 11.56.200 and/or a Class A misdemeanor under AS 11.56.210. Additionally, due to the imminent danger to the public by the spread of coronavirus, if you violate the self-quarantine regulations set forth in the Mandate, you may also be convicted of a class A misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both pursuant to AS 12.55.035 and AS 12.55.135.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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This Appendix will establish general guidance for commercial fishing harvesters operating from shore, open skiffs, and other means where the crew is not living on board a vessel for multiple days at sea.

**I. Applicability.**

- a. This Appendix applies to all commercial fishing harvesters who do not meet the applicability definition for independent commercial fishing vessels contained in Health Mandate 017, and that have not agreed to operate under a fleet-wide plan submitted by a company, association, or entity that represents a fisheries sector.

**II. Definitions.**

- a. Self-Quarantine. This refers to a quarantine process that is not monitored by an employer or healthcare provider. The requirements of Health Mandate 010 remain in effect: all people arriving in Alaska, whether residents, workers, or visitors are required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arriving in the State and monitor for illness.
  - i. Harvesters' temperature should be taken twice daily during self-quarantine. Should fever symptoms develop, follow the Identification protocol in Section VIII.a. Seek testing and medical treatment immediately if symptoms are suspected to be caused by COVID-19.
  - ii. The time spent in transit from the final out-of-state port to Alaska on a vessel, demonstrated through a ship's log or equivalent record, will count toward the in-state 14-day mandatory self-quarantine period, if all protective measures are followed.
  - iii. Once the initial self-quarantine period after arriving in the State has been observed, there is no requirement to repeat the self-quarantine period when moving between Alaskan communities, though it is highly recommended for all Alaska residents to follow the procedures in Section IV.a when traveling from their permanent home to their Harvesting Operation worksite.
- b. Harvesting Operation. Multiple harvesters working at the same site in close proximity will be considered an Harvesting Operation. They may be in shared  
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accommodations or separate facilities, but using the same equipment and selling their catch collectively.

- c. Site Manager. Though there may be several individual permit holders in an Harvesting Operation, the senior permit holder who conducts business transactions on behalf of the Harvesting Operation will be considered the Site Manager, and be responsible for enacting and enforcing this Appendix within his or her Harvesting Operation.

**III. Documentation.** Site Managers are required to maintain written or time-stamped electronic documents covering, at a minimum, the following information:

- a. An acknowledgment of the requirements of this Mandate and all applicable appendices and an explicit agreement to comply with this protective plan and enforce it for their Harvesting Operation.
- b. Certification that harvesters were screened upon arrival to the worksite in accordance with Paragraph V.
- c. Certification when harvesters have completed self-quarantine in accordance with Paragraph IV.

For the 2020 season, each Site Manager must sign the Health Mandate 017 Acknowledgement Form (Appendix 02) prior to actively participating in the 2020 commercial fishing season. This form will indicate that the Site Manager will comply with this Mandate and applicable appendices and enforce all requirements among any other harvesters in the same Harvesting Operation.

Prior to accepting any fish - or making any payment for fish to an independent harvester - a tender or processor must receive and confirm a signed copy of the Site Manager's Acknowledgement Form. The Site Manager must submit a copy of the Acknowledgement Form the first time they sell fish to a tender or processor. Subsequent sales to the same tender or processor do not require submission of another copy of the Acknowledgement Form (*e.g.*, the form only needs be submitted once per fishing season per tender or processor), but every tender or processor that a Harvesting Operation sells to must have, and retain until December 31, 2020, a signed copy of the Acknowledgement Form. This form shall be provided to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game upon request.

By accepting the Acknowledgement Form, the tender or processor may rely upon the submission of the Acknowledgement Form as proof of compliance of Health Mandate 017 and all applicable appendices. The tender or processor is not required to confirm

compliance with Health Mandate 017, other than to collect the Acknowledgment Form, and assumes no liability for any failure to comply with any Harvesting Operation.

**IV. Travel and Quarantine Options.** Harvesting Operations will make every effort to prevent a potentially infectious harvester from exposing other harvesters or community members during travel, and in their final destination community in Alaska. Harvesting Operations will arrange for their arriving harvesters to follow one of the following methods:

- a. **Mid-Travel Quarantine.** Harvesters will travel to Alaska and observe a 14-day self-quarantine period in temporary lodging in a large community that has a General Acute Care or Critical Access Hospital (*i.e.*, Anchorage or Juneau) prior to beginning onward travel to their final destination community. This method will allow harvesters to immediately begin provisioning and operating under the protective measures in Section VI below upon arrival to their destination community.
  - i. **Travel.** All harvesters in transit on commercial aircraft must wear a cloth face covering that meets the recommendations contained in Health Alert 010. This face covering must be worn while transiting air terminals (to be temporarily removed for security screening), while on the plane, and any follow-on ground transportation until they reach their quarantine facility.
  - ii. **Self-Quarantine.** All harvesters will comply with the protective measures set by Health Mandate 010, the local government, and their lodging facility during self-quarantine.
  - iii. **Testing.** To the greatest extent possible, harvesters should receive a PCR test within 48 hours prior to commencing onward travel to their destination community, or as close as possible to the end of their quarantine to receive results prior to commencing onward travel. Harvesters should retain documentation of test results.
  - iv. **Arrival Screening.** All harvesters will be screened (see Section V) for symptoms upon arrival at the worksite prior to being allowed to enter the lodging facility.
  - v. **Alaska Residents.** This method is not required, but is highly recommended, for all Alaska residents to follow when traveling from their permanent home in Alaska to their Harvesting Operation worksite.
- b. **Post-Travel Quarantine.** Harvesters will travel to their final destination community in Alaska and observe a 14-day self-quarantine period prior to any interaction with harvesters from other Harvesting Operations or members of the local community. This method will require harvesters to follow stricter protective

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measures in Section IV.b.iv after arrival to their destination community while in their 14-day self-quarantine period.

- i. Travel. All harvesters in transit on commercial aircraft must wear a cloth face covering that meets the recommendations contained in Health Alert 010. This face covering must be worn while transiting air terminals (to be temporarily removed for security screening), while on the plane, and any follow-on ground transportation until they reach their quarantine facility.
- ii. Testing. If locally available, arriving harvesters should receive a PCR test within 48 hours of arrival at their destination community, preferably prior to entering their self-quarantine lodging. The initial test may be conducted en route to their destination community. Harvesters should retain documentation of test results.
- iii. Arrival Screening. All harvesters will be screened (see Section V) for symptoms upon arrival at the worksite prior to being allowed to enter the lodging facility.
- iv. Self-Quarantine. Arriving harvesters must proceed directly to their designated self-quarantine location, must practice social distancing and avoid interaction with the community, and may not stop at any location between arrival at the local airport and transport to the worksite or self-quarantine location unless it is to receive a PCR test.
  1. If possible, arriving harvesters will quarantine in single rooms and practice social distancing from other members of the Harvesting Operation. If single rooms are not available, and/or social distancing is not feasible, the entire Harvesting Operation will observe quarantine together.
  2. If a new harvester joins a quarantined Harvesting Operation and social distancing is not feasible, the 14-day clock will re-start for the entire Harvesting Operation.
  3. Quarantined harvesters must maintain social distancing measures from all people outside of their Harvesting Operation, regardless of their quarantine status.
  4. Harvesting Operations must arrange for provisioning via delivery services, curbside pick-up, or supply runners.
  5. Quarantined harvesters may not enter public spaces, to include retail stores, for any reason other than to seek medical attention.

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6. If the lodging facility is not adjacent to the worksite, quarantined harvesters may only travel between their designated self-quarantine lodging and worksite.
  7. Harvesting Operations may commence work and begin fishing during quarantine, provided they can maintain social distancing measures from all people outside of their Harvesting Operation. If they need to off-load catch during this time, they must inform the tender, processor, or transporting agent of their quarantine status.
- V. Compliance with this Mandate does not constitute a right to travel or access into any areas. It is incumbent upon the individual traveler to ensure that any proposed travel itinerary is still possible and to adhere to any and all additional restrictions enacted by air carriers and lodging facilities
- VI. **Screening of Personnel.** All harvesters will be screened upon arrival to the worksite or lodging facility, using the following procedures, or an equivalent, medically-vetted procedure. Site Managers may wish to arrange for dedicated spaces to conduct arrival screening in a space that can be disinfected should an arriving harvester fail the screening.
- a. Verbal Screening Questions
    - i. Have you experienced any cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, sore throat, unusual fatigue, or symptoms of acute respiratory illness in the last 72 hours?
    - ii. Have you experienced a fever (100.4° F [38° C] or greater using an oral thermometer) within the last 72 hours?
    - iii. Have you experienced signs of fever such as chills, aches and pains, etc., within the last 72 hours?
    - iv. In the past 14 days, have you traveled in an area or country with widespread COVID-19 transmission without practicing social distancing?
    - v. Have you had contact within the past 14 days with a lab-confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case-patient? (Contact defined as being within six feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time (ten minutes) or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case).
  - b. Physical Screening
    - i. Each harvester should demonstrate a measured temperature of < 100.4° F [38° C]. (This reference is for oral temperature, a forehead (temporal)

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scanner is usually 0.5°F (0.3°C) to 1°F (0.6°C) lower than an oral temperature. An ear (tympanic) temperature is 0.5°F (0.3°C) to 1°F (0.6°C) higher than an oral temperature.)

- ii. Anyone performing a physical screening should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). If PPE is not available, the harvester may take their own temperature.
- iii. Each harvester must be free of fever or respiratory symptoms. A possible exception would be if harvester has mild symptoms that are clearly attributable to another source (i.e., allergies).
- c. If a harvester fails verbal or physical screening or is displaying viral symptoms they will immediately be isolated in accordance with Section VIII.b.
- d. Additionally, site managers should assess each harvesters' individual risk factors (e.g., older age; the presence of chronic medical conditions, including immunocompromising conditions) and enact additional protective measures as needed to minimize their risk.

**VII. Protecting the Public.** After all members of an Harvesting Operation have completed quarantine, it is anticipated that harvesters may have local community contact. Harvesters must use the following procedures to limit contact with members of the public to the greatest extent possible:

- a. For harvesters who live locally or return to port daily, harvesters and families or roommates must comply with all social distancing protocols.
- b. Travel to high-traffic areas in communities such as retail stores will be kept to an absolute minimum. Harvesting Operations should take advantage of delivery services, curbside pick-up, and supply runners as much as possible.
- c. All face-to-face interaction between harvesters and other fisheries industry workers will be kept to an absolute minimum, such as receiving for supplies, off-loading catch, fish tickets, and refueling. Those interactions that cannot be conducted remotely must follow social distancing guidelines.
- d. Private sector businesses such as retailers, hotels, and air carriers may also enact additional measures as a part of their protective plans which must be followed in order to obtain their services.

**VIII. Worksite/Campsite Protective Measures.**

- a. Harvesting Operations should encourage basic common hygiene practices, such as frequent and thorough hand washing; respiratory etiquette, including covering

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coughs and sneezes; discouraging harvesters from using others' personal property, work tools, and equipment.

- b. Harvesters are required to stay in their assigned accommodations if they are sick.
- c. Harvesting Operations should confine harvesters to their own campsite and practice social distancing with neighbors as much as possible.
- d. Best practices for food preparation and dining areas are:
  - i. Ensure all harvesters wash hands before eating or touching any food items or utensils.
  - ii. Any harvester with cough or respiratory symptoms must eat separately.
  - iii. Eliminate buffet or family-style dining and any common serving dishes. Identify one harvester to handle food and to prepare a plate for each harvester. Do not allow serving utensils to be shared.
  - iv. Consider having a designated harvester prepare individual snacks for the day and distribute it to each harvester. Eliminate common bowls of snacks or opportunities for multiple people to touch food or packaged food products.
  - v. Consider the use of single-use cups/plates/etc.

**IX. Procedures for Harvesters who Become Ill.** Harvesting Operations must follow the following procedures for identification, isolation, and assessment of harvesters who begin to show symptoms of infection:

- a. **Identification.** Screen all harvesters daily for:
  - i. New signs of fever, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of smell or taste, unusual fatigue or shortness of breath
  - ii. If there is a respiratory illness identified, take temperature twice daily of each harvester
  - iii. If symptoms are presenting, repeat the screening from Paragraph II.
  - iv. If a harvester screens “yes” to any of the symptom questions (1-3), place a surgical mask on, if tolerated.
  - v. If a harvester screens “yes” to BOTH: (1) any of the symptom questions (1-3); AND (2) an epidemiological risk factor questions (4 or 5), place a surgical mask on harvester, if tolerated, and isolate per the **Isolation**

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protocol below. If an isolation room is not available, consider all members of the Harvesting Operation under isolation.

- vi. Evaluating provider must don appropriate PPE and begin to document who has had exposure to the harvester within the last two days.
- vii. If available, or as soon as practicable, obtain a rapid influenza swab. If positive, and no other reason to suspect COVID-19, treat harvester as an influenza case, not a COVID-19 case. There can be co-infection with COVID-19 and influenza, if there is any suspicion for COVID-19 exposure in the prior 14 days, continue to treat as a suspected COVID-19 case.
- viii. If a harvester screens “yes” to fever and respiratory symptoms, but does not clearly have an exposure that would qualify for a COVID-19 suspect case, seek medical evaluation and, at a minimum, recommend isolation for 72 hours AFTER the fever ends without the use of fever-reducing medications AND an improvement in initial symptoms (i.e., cough, shortness of breath) before returning to work.

**b. Isolation.** Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick. When possible, isolate sick harvesters in a separate room and designate a bathroom or head that is only for the isolated crew. For Harvesting Operations that cannot accommodate isolation, consider all members of the Harvesting Operation under quarantine for 14 days.

- i. If a harvester is identified as a potential COVID-19 case, immediately ask them to wear a surgical mask (not an N-95) if tolerated. If there are no surgical masks available, a cloth face covering may be used as a last resort.
- ii. Place the harvester in a private room with the door closed, ideally an airborne infection isolation room if available. Place a label on the door indicating no one is to enter the room without proper PPE. This room should have a separate toilet and bathing facilities.
- iii. Any staff entering the room should use Standard Precautions, Contact Precautions, and Airborne Precautions, and use eye protection such as goggles or a face shield. If N-95 masks are not available, a surgical mask may be considered an acceptable alternative at this time.
- iv. Access to the room should be limited to personnel involved in direct care. Meals should be delivered to the room and dishes and utensils cleaned separately. Anyone with exposure to the harvester should document the date and time of exposure, nature of exposure (close contact, same room,

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secretions), and PPE worn. Meticulous hand hygiene must be performed immediately after doffing PPE.

- v. Maintain a distance of six feet from the sick harvester and keep interactions with them as brief as possible.
- vi. Limit the number of people who interact with sick people. To the extent possible, have a single person give care and meals to the sick person.
- vii. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- viii. Wash your hands often with soap and warm/hot water, and wash your hands immediately after leaving the presence of the sick crew member with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, and if hands are not visibly soiled, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol.
- ix. Provide tissues and access to soap and water, and ask the sick harvesters to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue (or facemask) when coughing or sneezing.

c. **Notification.**

- i. If a harvester becomes ill with suspected or confirmed COVID19, the Site Manager must contact local public health nursing for further guidance:
- ii. Dillingham Public Health Center: 842-5981
- iii. Homer Public Health Center: 235-8857
- iv. Ketchikan Public Health Center: 225-4350
- v. Kodiak Public Health Center: 486-3319
- vi. Nome Public Health Center: 443-3221
- vii. Petersburg Public Health Center: 772-4611
- viii. Sitka Public Health Center: 747-3255
- ix. Valdez Public Health Center: 835-4612
- x. <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Nursing/Pages/locations.aspx>

- 1. For a person ill or injured and not suspected of COVID-19 follow an established process to evaluate for establishing healthcare.

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2. If the ill harvester is not directed to a medical facility, the Harvesting Operation may continue to fish and complete a 14-day quarantine. If unloading to a tender/processor is necessary during this time, the Harvesting Operation must tell the tender/processor it has a sick harvester. During the unloading, all crew must wear gloves and face coverings.
- d. **Transportation.** Procedure on transportation of suspected COVID-19 cases at disembarkation
- i. For the harvester with suspected COVID-19: A facemask should be worn by the patient for source control. Alternatively, an oxygen mask can be used if clinically indicated. If the patient requires intubation, *see*: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html> for aerosol-generating procedures.
  - ii. If ambulance transportation is required: Local EMS should be notified that this is a potential COVID-19 case so that responders may use appropriate PPE and follow their protocols.
  - iii. If private vehicle transportation is utilized: Anyone who will be driving a harvester with suspected COVID-19 should maintain as much distance from the harvester as possible, wear a mask if available, and avoid unnecessary contact with the ill person and their belongings. If the driver will provide direct care to the ill person (*e.g.*, moving patients onto stretchers), they should wear recommended PPE. After transportation is complete, and before reentering a driver's compartment, the driver should remove and dispose of any PPE in a sealed plastic bag and perform hand hygiene. Windows should be down to allow for air exchange if possible.
  - iv. Personnel should avoid touching their face while transporting.
  - v. The receiving healthcare facility must be notified that a patient with suspected COVID-19 is being brought in so that they may take appropriate infection control precautions.
- e. **Quarantine.** Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. If separate accommodations with designated bathrooms are available, this procedure may be considered for the individual crew. Otherwise, consider the entire Harvesting Operation under quarantine.
- i. Harvesters who have had high-risk exposures to a person suspected of having COVID-19 should be quarantined in their assigned accommodations. All potentially exposed members should avoid leaving

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the worksite or lodging facility and self-monitor under the supervision of the site manager or telemedicine providers until 14 days after the last possible exposure. If an entire Harvesting Operation is under quarantine, they may continue to work.

ii. A high-risk exposure could occur through close contact with the suspected case without PPE. Close contact is defined as:

1. being within approximately six feet (two meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time (ten minutes or longer); (close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case);

OR

2. having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on).

iii. For a Harvesting Operation with a suspected case, consider the entire crew to have had a high-risk exposure.

iv. If personnel develop fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms of COVID-19 while in quarantine, they should be isolated and undergo a medical assessment, reporting, and transportation as per the other relevant sections of this Appendix.

v. The site manager and telemedicine providers should remain in contact with personnel through the self-monitoring period to oversee self-monitoring activities.

vi. The remaining exposed harvesters must complete a 14-day quarantine period, from the time the sick harvester is transported, in a suitable quarantine location.

## **X. Continuity of Fisheries Operations.**

a. Site managers should consider the impact that this pandemic will have on the fishing industry as a whole, their suppliers, and wrap-around services such as fuel, groceries, and lodging.

b. Site managers should consider the potential impact on their operations that may arise as a result of outbreaks or increased rates of harvester absenteeism, and enact plans for cross-training harvesters to the greatest extent possible.

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- c. Site managers must temporarily cease operations if they do not have enough healthy harvesters remaining to safely run the Harvesting Operation.