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Shelter in Place recommendation to the Haines Borough Assembly

The Haines Borough EOC is recommending that the Haines Borough Assembly adopt a Resolution at their March 24 meeting to **require** that citizens “Shelter in Place”. “Shelter in Place” means:

- **IF YOU HAVE NO SYMPTOMS** and have NOT tested positive for the COVID-19, **STAY HOME** except for procuring food, fuel, mail and medical appointments.
- Healthy outdoor activity not threatening to others is good, but continue to observe social distancing (stay 6 feet away from others).
- If you are an employee and your business has not closed, request permission to work from home via electronic means. The following is a partial list of business that have been identified as critical infrastructure during an emergency:
 - Garbage Service
 - Alaska Marine Lines
 - Government essential services
 - Grocery stores
 - Medical/EMS Services
 - First Responders
 - Utilities/Fuel
 - Bank
 - Communications
- **IF YOU HAVE FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS**, please self-isolate and contact the clinic. This means stay at home except for seeking medical attention—follow the doctor’s

recommendation. Please check the EOC facebook page at facebook.com/hainescovid19 for information and community resources to arrange for delivery of groceries, mail, etc.

Travel Advisory

Anyone arriving in the Haines Borough from outside the community is advised to self-quarantine for 14 days.

This is based upon the fact that both Juneau and Whitehorse have positive cases of COVID-19 in their communities. The travel advisory has been created to protect the health and safety of Haines Borough residents. This is a more restrictive advisory than the State of Alaska travel advisory. The Haines Borough EOC is recommending that the Haines Borough Assembly adopt a Resolution to **require** that citizens self-quarantine for 14 days when coming to Haines from outside the community.

Self-quarantine means to refrain from contact with other individuals for a period of time during an outbreak of a contagious disease. The purpose of this is to monitor your own health to ensure you are not a carrier and this protects the community.

Self-Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

Message to Employers/Businesses

To the extent possible, and by sole discretion of business owners, for the next 30 days, businesses are urged to either temporarily close to the public or take measures to limit interactions between employees and the public.