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There are still no known positive cases of COVID-19 in the Haines Borough (although there is at least 1 positive case in Juneau and at least 2 in Whitehorse)

Update on EOC Operations

- **Travel Advisory Update**
- **Shelter in Place recommendation to the Haines Borough Assembly**
- **Message to Employers/Businesses**
- **Tent going up in SEARHC parking lot**

Travel Advisory

On March 23, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued Health Mandate 10.1 (attached) requiring:

*All people arriving in Alaska, whether resident, worker or visitor, are **required to self-quarantine for 14 days** and monitor for illness. Arriving residents and workers in self-quarantine, should work from home, unless you support critical infrastructure (See Appendix A).*

That mandate orders that people arriving in any community in Alaska from another state or nation must designate their quarantine location on a written form.

The Haines Borough EOC continues to recommend the adoption of a Resolution at their March 24 meeting to require a more restrictive travel advisory for anyone entering the Haines Borough, as follows:

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. 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.

The EOC is cognizant of the provision in Health Mandate 10.1 which provides: “**This Mandate supersedes any local government travel restrictions**” and has obtained confirmation that, as a Home Rule Borough, the Haines Borough can make rules which are more restrictive than the State, even when the state has created mandates using emergency powers.

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

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

Shelter in Place recommendation to the Haines Borough Assembly

The Haines EOC is also continuing to recommend 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.
 1. Healthy outdoor activity not threatening to others is good, but continue to observe social distancing (stay 6 feet away from others).
 2. A more thorough list of local critical infrastructure list is being developed—this list will mirror the State’s list.
- **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](https://www.facebook.com/hainescovid19) for information and community resources to arrange for delivery of groceries, mail, etc.

At this time, there is no recommended curfew.

Message to Employers/Businesses

On March 23, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued Health Mandate 9.1 (attached) requiring:

All businesses, congregations, or gatherings in the State of Alaska, where individuals are within six feet of each other must stop all operations. This includes: Hair salons, Day spas and esthetics locations, Nail salons, Barbers, Tattoo Shops, Body Piercing locations, Massage therapy locations, Tanning facilities... Acupuncture, acupressure, etc.

Additionally, no gatherings of more than 10 people may take place and even under 10 people must still be six feet apart from each other.

The order takes effect March 24 at 5:00 pm and lasts until rescinded.

Please remember that even critical infrastructure businesses have non-critical employees—please limit staff to only necessary employees at this time. Please encourage anyone who can to work from home.

The Haines EOC is aware of business who have taken precautions to protect Haines Borough residents, including, for example:

- Allowing patrons to call in orders for pick up
- Limiting access patrons have to the entire business
- Limiting the number of people in the business at any given time
- Screening patrons before allowing them into the business
- Marking increments of six feet for people waiting in line to pay
- Refraining from accepting cash

Tent going up in SEARHC parking lot

A tent is going up in the SEARHC parking lot to allow for them to sequester ill patients who need to be seen. THIS IS A PRECAUTION. There are no known cases of COVID-19 in the Haines Borough—the clinic is simply preparing.



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**** COVID-19 HEALTH MANDATE ****

Issued: March 23, 2020

By: Governor Mike Dunleavy
Commissioner Adam Crum, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

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

Given the increasing concern for new cases of COVID-19 around Alaska, Governor Dunleavy and the State of Alaska are issuing the following mandate to go into effect March 25, 2020 at 12:01AM., and will be reevaluated by April 21, 2020.

This mandate is issued to protect the public health of Alaskans. The Governor looks to establish consistent mandates across the State in order to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. The goal is to flatten the curve and prevent the spread of the virus.

The purpose of this mandate to control the ingress to Alaska from outside localities in order to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Health Mandate 10.1 – International and Interstate Travel – Order for Self-Quarantine
Effective 12:01 am March 25, 2020:

All people arriving in Alaska, whether resident, worker or visitor, are **required to self-quarantine for 14 days** and monitor for illness. Arriving residents and workers in self-quarantine, should work from home, unless you support critical infrastructure (see Attachment A).

Critical infrastructure is vital to keeping Alaska safe, and as a result businesses and employees of critical infrastructure industries must take special care to protect their staff and operations during this pandemic. If your business is included in Attachment A, and your workers must travel to enter Alaska, you must submit a plan or protocol for maintaining critical infrastructure to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development **by 3:00 pm March 24,** outlining how you will avoid the spread of COVID-19 and not endanger the lives of the communities in which you operate, of others who serve as a part of that infrastructure or the ability of that critical infrastructure to function.

Pursuant to the Governor's declaration, the State of Alaska hereby orders the following. Upon arrival in any community in Alaska from another state or nation, you must:

1. Proceed directly from the airport to your designated quarantine location, which is the location identified and affirmed by you on the mandatory State of Alaska Travel Declaration Form.
 - a. If you are a resident, your designated quarantine location is your residence.
 - b. If you are a visitor or worker, your designated quarantine location is your hotel room or rented lodging.
2. Remain in your designated quarantine location for a period of 14 days, or the duration of your stay in Alaska, whichever is shorter.
 - a. You may leave your designated quarantine location only for medical emergencies or to seek medical care.
 - b. Do not visit any public spaces, including, but not limited to: pools, meetings rooms, fitness centers or restaurants.
 - c. Do not allow visitors in or out of your designated quarantine location other than a physician, healthcare provider, or individual authorized to enter the designated quarantine location by Unified Command.
 - d. Comply with all rules or protocols related to your quarantine as set forth by your hotel or rented lodging.
 - e. If you are required to self-quarantine and there are other individuals in your residence, hotel room, or rented lodging, you are required to comply with social distancing guidelines.

This Mandate supersedes any local government travel restrictions.

The failure to follow this order is punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both pursuant to Alaska Statute 12.55.035 and Alaska Statute 12.55.135

Authority: AS 26.23.020(g)(7)

Attachment A
Alaska Critical Workforce Infrastructure

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations.

At this time, critical industries and entities in Alaska include:

- a. “Healthcare Operations” including hospitals, clinics, dental emergency services, pharmacies, other healthcare facilities, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, companies and institutions involved in the research and development, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, and supplying of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology therapies, consumer health products, medical devices, diagnostics, equipment, services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and healthcare services provided to animals. “Healthcare Operations” does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
- b. Businesses providing any services or performing any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including, but not limited to, the Port of Alaska, public works construction, construction of housing , airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil production, mining, logging, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services).
- c. Financial services sector, which includes workers who are needed to process and maintain systems for processing financial transactions and services, such as payment, clearing and settlement services, wholesale funding, insurance services, and capital markets activities; to provide consumer access to banking and lending services, including ATMs, movement of currency (e.g. armored cash carriers); support financial operations, such as those staffing data and security operations centers; appraisals and titling; and, key third-party providers who deliver core services.
- d. First responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel are critical.
- e. Individuals providing “Essential Governmental Functions” are critical. “Essential Government Functions” means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- f. Grocery stores, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of food and other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;
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- j. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, bicycle-repair, and related facilities;
- k. Hardware stores;
- l. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses;
- m. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
- n. Educational institutions facilitating distance learning;
- o. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;
- p. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out under the restrictions set forth in COVID-19 Health Mandate 003, issued March 17, 2020;
- q. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;
- r. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- s. Businesses that transport goods to grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, engaged in the retail sale of food, household consumer products, delivery of fuel, or other services directly to residences or other critical industries outlined in this health mandate.
- t. Airlines, railroads, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services;
- u. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
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