

Haines Borough Covid-19 State of Emergency EOC Weekly Bulletin for June 23, 2020

Message from the EOC Commander:

The Haines EOC is working closely with SEARHC, our Borough Assembly, and the State to meet the need for testing and to coordinate the new requirements for ferry travel. We appreciate your patience as we continue to see daily modifications to the 'new norm'. We have managed to catch some incoming cases and limit community spread. The systems in place are working. Continue with the basics, especially maintaining social distance and keeping social circles small, to protect our community and our economy. Keep up the good work, Haines!

Active Covid-19 Cases

1 + 3

Resident

Non-Resident

as of
June 23

Haines Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

EOC Commander – Carolann Wooton
Public Information Officer – Alekka Fullerton
Safety Officer – Scott Bradford
Liaison Officer – Jan Hill

Medium
Risk

If you are sick...

Call the SEARHC Haines Health Center at 766-6300 if you are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, even if mild. SEARHC is testing all symptomatic patients, regardless of ability to pay. We are collaborating with SEARHC and the State to meet the increasing demand for asymptomatic testing.

Symptoms can include – fever, aching, cough and shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.

Best Practices...

- ✓ Wash your hands and practice good hygiene
- ✓ Maintain your distance from others
- ✓ Wear a face covering
- ✓ Keep your social circle small
- ✓ Know the Covid-19 symptoms
- ✓ Stay home if you are sick
- ✓ Clean and disinfect surfaces
- ✓ Get tested – (907) 766-6300

Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services has extensive information for individuals and businesses:
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

Borough Facilities Status

Admin Office – by appointment

Parks – open, playground equipment not sanitized

Bathrooms – open, sanitized twice a week

School – essential only, modified lunch program

Pool – closed

Library – open, modified schedule

Museum – by appointment

Visitor Center – Window access only

Added Resources

State and Borough Updates

Visit the State website for current information on health mandates and resources for individuals and businesses.

NEW – Testing is now required to board the mainliner AMHS ferries.

In addition to State mandates, the Borough is encouraging travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days and for all residents to limit social gatherings to less than 10 people.

Travel Within Alaska: permitted for all purposes, ALL businesses must file a Plan of Protection (State and Borough) if staff are traveling between communities. Traveling fishing industry workers must comply with Mandate #17.

Travel From Outside: testing or quarantine required; self-quarantine for 14 days encouraged; Plans of Protection required for critical infrastructure workers (State and Borough). The State is working with the US Border and the Borough to develop traveler communications.

State Contacts:

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/>
covidquestions@Alaska.gov
Dial: 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221

Cruise Ships & Border

Canadian ban on large cruise ships until at least Oct. 31.

Small cruise ships to Haines have been postponed.

US/Canada border restricted to essential travel until at least July 21.

Social Resources

Several local organizations are offering services and support to the public and participating in the EOC meetings. Tribal administrations of CIV and CIA are also administering social and economic aid to members. There is help if you need it.

Salvation Army – Food, utilities, and rental assistance available. (907) 766-2470

Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) (907) 766-3297

Information on the Haines Support Chain service and the Community Assessment Survey underway can be found on the Borough website or by calling Sara at (907) 314-3074.

If you need someone to talk with, Careline Alaska is a free and confidential resource: 877-266-4357 (HELP)

Borough CARES Act Funds

A resolution to adopt a CARES Act spending plan for the first round of funding is on the 6/23 Assembly agenda. Details of the approved plan will be available on the Borough website.

Chamber of Commerce (907) 766-2202.
HEDC (907) 766-3130.

Economic Resources

June 26 Chamber Luncheon(Zoom) with Robert Venables of Southeast Conference – updates on CARES funding program for small businesses, AMHS and more. One-on-one appointments also available June 29 and 30. Call the Chamber for details.

Alaska Housing Relief. Applications due June 26.
<https://www.alaskahousingrelief.org/>

Events & Visitors to Consider

4th of July – Covid-sensitive 'Reverse Parade' at the Fairgrounds. Contact the Chamber for details.

Highway Construction – TBD

Borough Website: <https://www.hainesalaska.gov/>

Facebook: Haines Borough COVID 19 Information Page

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