

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
March 31, 2020**

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Jim West, City of Nome	Marie Katcheak, Stebbins	John Waghiyi, Savoonga
Jolene Nanouk, Unalakleet	Roxanne, Nome	

The Meeting started around 11:08 am and concluded at 12:25 pm. NSHC tried to track the number of callers, and it is estimated there were at least 85 callers.

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Introduction to Meeting – Angie Gorn, NSHC CEO	<p>Angie gave an introduction regarding the purpose, standing agenda, and frequency of the call. The daily call will be at 11 am Monday through Friday and will include NSHC administration and Medical Staff. The Standing Agenda includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Prayer 2) Medical Staff Briefing 3) FAQ's 4) Hand Sanitizer Shipment Status (for villages) 5) Update from Ravn and Bering Air 6) Question's <p>Note- Any questions may be sent to Reba Lean at rean@nshcorp.org anytime or text to 907-434-1927 and they will be answered during the 11:00 am call.</p>
Prayer	Prayer was given by Bertha
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director	<p>Dr. Mark Peterson gave a briefing and also went over the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 119 COVID-19 cases in Alaska - No COVID-19 in our region - 17 tests have been done at NSHC, 14 are negative and 3 are

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pending - Little over 500 test kits available in our Region, in Nome and Village Communities - We are preparing the communities for when we get cases not if we get cases - Hospital plan is fully ready for patients - Cough and Cold clinic where providers are prepared with PPE - Village Clinic doors are locked now, continue to call the nurse line to see if your symptoms warrant a clinic visit. - In Nome we are working on isolating and quarantine places, and also in villages
FAQ's – Angie	Angie went over some FAQ's. Please see attached.
Hand Sanitizer Status – Megan Alvanna-Stimpfle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ March 18th NSHC found a pharmacy in Solodotna that can produce a small order of hand sanitizer for unserved homes ➤ 2400 bottles, 8 oz units ➤ Intake form needs to be completed to determine how many people are in the household ➤ Regionwide request for 19,500 bottles of hand sanitizer ➤ Monday- Stebbins and Teller shipment should have arrived ➤ Tuesday- Shishmaref and Wales shipment should arrive ➤ Diomedede will receive by US mail so next mail run ➤ If there are any questions on the form contact Emma Pate at 304-1080 ➤ Luke Smith is working with operators ➤ Rachel has been doing outreach with operators for PPE
Airline Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ravn informed us that they have flyers at their bulletin board and front counter. Communication is going well. ➤ Bering Air informed that communication is going well. They are telling passengers to contact the city offices upon arrival. Also, travel has dropped to almost zero except for essential travel. ➤ Glenn with the City of Nome stated the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alaska Airlines is down to five flights a week ▪ Police officers are going out to Alaska Airlines to great passengers ▪ 16 passengers on Alaska Airlines flight yesterday, and 8 this morning ▪ They City and NSHC are coordinating a daily call to check in at 4 pm.
Questions – everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charlene gave a reminder that there is a short teleconference

tomorrow at 10am.

- **Whose responsibility is it for liability for the buildings and activities within the buildings for quarantine/isolation?**
 - Don't have the answer right now will bring back tomorrow.
 - If items need to be purchased, make a list and get it to NSHC. NSHC would like to support our local businesses and buy whatever we can locally, but there may not be enough supplies in town and shipping takes awhile. Send your quarantine list to: Amy Hollis at ahollis@nshcorp.org for quarantine supplies.
 - Encouraged all village entities to start keeping track of expenses because they may be reimbursable.
- **Is there a formal questionnaire that can be accessed for people that are returning back to work that has been quarantined?**
 - Quarantine for 14 days and make sure they check their temperature twice a day and to see if they develop symptoms. If they don't develop symptoms they can go back to work, but if they develop symptoms they need to call the nurse call line and cannot go back to work unless they have been cleared.
 - NSHC takes temperatures before employees come in and if they clock in they are certifying that they do not have symptoms.
- **If someone in a household has traveled does the whole household need to be quarantined?**
 - The CDC is not requiring that the whole household quarantine but to have social distance.
 - Also need to review your community travel ban.
 - Only state mandate to quarantine is if you traveled from the lower 48.
- **Discussion was held on what communities have in place for their quarantining of households.**
- **What is the CDC guidelines for provider traveling out of region, to Nome, and then to villages?**
 - Requirement for providers traveling from lower 48 is 14 days, but there could be some losing of requirements if needed. We are being especially cautious with our midlevels and they are required to do 14 days at their home and 14 days in Nome before going to the village.

- **If there is a positive case will you save test to test again?**
 - CDC has two ways to check if someone is better, which one way is to check them twice, and the second would be how many days since last fever. Depending on our supply it would determine our process on how we check.
 - Since they are essential infrastructure, may be loosen, however, NSHC is requiring providers to quarantine for 14 days before heading to the village.
 - If they were positive it would be 14 days since being positive and 7 days since the last day they had symptoms.
- **BSSD is one of the biggest employers of the region, and what kind of guidelines are they doing for food service?**
 - Everyone that came back or had a person that came back were required to serve a 14 day self-quarantine.
 - If required, we would work with NSHC in the event of an emergency, to make available the school and food if they can.
- **Comment was made about using the school as a quarantine place.**
- **I recently traveled and am almost done with my quarantine but I think I have the cold can I still go back to work?**
 - If you have a cold stay home until you feel 100% and if you start feeling worse contact the clinic.
- **Question for Kawerak: if we have a need for field clinic and would like to use a Kawerak building who should we contact?**
 - Charlene said that she can be in contact and it would also be Darlene who is in charge of facilities.
- **If a household is in quarantine and a new household member comes back after someone already started quarantining does the time start over?**
 - Follow your village mandate.
- **Diomede has requested more clean containers to haul water.**
 - Sanitation team is working with the communities and operators on water
- **Is Nome able to help quarantine students that have to come back from schools that have closed their doors?**
 - NSHC is prepared to provide space for those individuals case by case. We have also already started doing this.

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Ending remarks – Angie

- Angie wanted to Thank Megan Alvanna-Stimpfle she is working with our congressional delegation to hopefully get an update from Senator Lisa Murkowski. We don't have an exact date for that but once we know something specific we will share it as it will be wonderful for her to call in and share any concerns you may have and for her to give us an update. If there are no further questions I want to thank everyone for their time and if something does pop up and you want to have it answered tomorrow please text the number we have given or reach out to Reba Lean. You should all have her email and we'd be happy to report out on anything tomorrow. Thank you everyone, stay safe and have a great day.