

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
April 6, 2020**

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*There were over 75 callers in today's meeting

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION
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) NSHC Updates 4) Questions <p>Note- Any questions may be sent to Reba Lean at rlean@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
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"> - 185 cases in the state, 14 new cases within the last 24 hours - No positive cases in our region - 23 tests that have been done at NSHC, 20 are negative and 3 are pending - ANMC was able to get a large shipment of Abbott care testing which runs rapid testing and they will be distributed those to their THO partners which NSHC is one of them. We should hopefully get them this week and have our lab up and running the rapid test by the end of this week. By next week we will be able to send test kits to ANMC for about a 24-hour turnaround time compared to the 3-5 day turnaround time sending them to Fairbanks.
NSHC Updates	<p>➤ Dr. Peterson went over NSHC employee policy on quarantining employees that have come from Anchorage or the Lower 48:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are following beyond CDC guidelines to do a 14 day quarantine in the lower 48 before they come up - If they are not an essential employee we require them to do a 14 day quarantine in Nome - If they are scheduled to go to the villages they are required to do a 14 day quarantine in Nome - Working in QCC they will be require to do a 14 day quarantine - If we have essential staff that we need to be working we will require them to wear a mask in Nome when they get here, also to wear mask and gloves when seeing patients - We are planning to have all clinical staff to be wearing masks throughout the day when at the hospital - We are also now distributing cloth mask to nonessential employees that want to be wearing them in the hospital and can wear them at all time. <p>➤ Megan went over the cloth mask recommendation from CDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDC is recommending or encouraging non-clinical folks to wear a cloth mask when you are out and about; grocery store, post office, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Not an exception to social distancing - Working with BSSD making mask - There are patterns on NSHC Facebook page or you can go to the cdc website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html - Laundry it once a day. Don't touch the front. Wash your hands afterwards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o You can steam it then dry on heat - No mask for under 2 years old. - No mask for someone unconscious - This cdc recommendation is not for the public to wear surgical mask, N95 mask, these need to be reserved for health care workers or first responders. - NSHC Recommend mask made of cotton. - NSHC recommends 4 layers of cotton. - We don't want to lead up on social distancing, or travel bans, we want to continue do these things. - The more people to make mask, the more people will have them. If you are able to make some, please do so
City of Nome	<p>Glenn Steckman gave an City of Nome update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The City of Nome now has a member from the EMS team and a police officer going to Alaska Airlines when the flight gets in to make sure that they have a permit. - We have created an email that people can submit permits or ask questions to travelpermit@nomealaska.org - Now required to submit permit 72 hours in advance
Kawerak	<p>Melanie Bahnke gave an Kawerak update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing services to clients and foster parents during this time - Emergency scholarship to Spring receipts. - Limited schedule

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someone is going to call the store to see if they are have issues with bypass mail - 11-3 is available for service 443-5231 is the phone number. - Charlene has been working with the City and Tribes on preparedness - Encouraging our communities to declare a disaster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Recommendation but participant on the phone was that the Community Benefit Shares to be used for Public Facilities.
<p>Questions – everyone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Does the mask requirement also include the small villages that do not have any positive COVID-19 cases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is recommended is that in any community that they use cloth mask out and about. ▪ It is not a mandate in Alaska right now but we do encourage people to wear them because some people that may be carrying COVID-19 may not show symptoms and some people may have COVID-19 but don't show symptoms until day's in. o Are we being recommended to wear cloth mask and not procedure mask? I want to make sure we all have access to these. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We are not recommendation people to wear surgical or procedure mask because we need them for our health care providers. We are disputing them once we get them. We had 150 to give out today and BSSD is making them in their villages but the more people make them the more we can hand out. o Is the 24 hours testing available in the village? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Right now our testing is being done in Fairbanks so whether someone is tested in the village or Nome we have to fly that all the way up to Fairbanks and wait a week to get results. So now we'll have the ability for our lab to be right in Nome and any one in the village or Nome that needs to be tested would be swabbed and the swab will be tested in Nome and we can run it pretty rapidly. It will be awhile before we can get testing in the villages itself. o Is Kawerak working with Norton Sound and the villages? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kawerak is looking into providing services to their members. Please read the above Kawerak information. o Discussion was held about Kawerak information on their process and what kind of services they have. o There are traveling staff that go and help in Wales like health aides and once they leave are they required to quarantine in Nome again? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Right now we have midlevel's that have been up here for a while and they come into Nome from Wales and they have only been in our region for let's say a month we will not have them quarantine because there is no mandate by the City of Nome, CDC, or state now if we send them to a village that has travel restriction we would follow those guidelines. o If a person is carriers how will they are treated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We think of people being positive or negative to the virus. In doctors

	<p>terms some either has or doesn't have the virus. We are testing people right now that have the risk. If there is someone who has been traveling to the lower 48 or a relative traveling to the lower 48 we will test them and if they are positive we will isolate them. When we talk about each village will have a unit in a village to quarantine or isolate we will do that. If they live alone or have a bedroom with a bathroom and they can stay there for several days and the family can do that and stay away. The next step would be in isolate they will treat their fever, stay hydrate and the midlevel or health aide will check on them every day and we will have the virus treat its course because there is no treatment. If they need hospital care we would bring them to Nome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We do not think there are people that care this for a very long time. If someone does test positive we will be working with public health and they will investigate and find how that person got it. The person will then go into isolation until we are satisfied that person will no longer be able to spread that. It's the public health investigation that will help find that person. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will health aides be staggering there hours when it gets to the villages? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Absolutely. ○ If you test positive and if you need to be on a ventilator how long will you be on it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Usually develop symptoms 5-7 days which may be mild and if you do develop rapidly it could be 24 hours once you start getting symptoms. It is variable. That's why we want to protect elders, social distancing, and washing hands. If you are younger to try and stay away and protecting the elders, and those with compromised systems. ○ Will plasma be available to give patients? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It could possibly be available in Anchorage in maybe within the next year but would possibly not be in Nome. ○ How is the City of Nome verifying those coming in are essential workers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employers would need to submit a plan on quarantine.
<p>Ending remarks – Angie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Angie thanked all of the organizations that were on the phone and everyone contribution for this regional effort.