

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
May 1, 2020**

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*Over 40 people attended 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) Survey 4) Comments and Questions <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
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Peterson, Medical Director	<p>Dr. Peterson gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State: still doing very well in the state, there were 9 new cases in the last 24 hours, there had been 0 cases the day prior to that, there had been a total of 364 cases, 254 have recovered, 9 death, 101 active cases - ANMC: Have not changed, 12 outpatients, 0 inpatients - NSHC: No change in our region, no additional positive cases, tested an additional 61 people in the last 24 hours, total 576 tests, 475 negative, 100 pending, most are at ANMC pending - Trying to get 1000 test if can - We need to all continue social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, don't get to relaxed on things, enjoy the sunshine, get out and play, but keep your distance and when back at work it is business as usual - Tent is open and had 20 or so come through yesterday, a little slow start because we did not have all the equipment in there - Monday there will be computer and printers in the tent and because more

	<p>efficient in the tent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tent is open Monday-Friday 10am to 2 pm - Norton Sound will be putting together a plan for opening things up a little bit to get some cancer screens done on patients in May and going forward, we will be presenting that next week
<p>Survey – Megan MacKiernan</p>	<p>Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yesterday we rolled out a survey related about our testing - Anyone who has been tested can complete the survey - We have had 31 people who have responded so far - Great feedback from those who responded - How was your experience? 0 being horrible and 10 being awesome, our average 8.5 which is great - Would you recommend testing to friends and family? That average score was 9.7 it sounds like our community is on board with testing - Drawing for people that have done the survey so far. The drawing is for a NSHC Sweatshirt. Megan did a random drawing generator and the winner is Natallie Tobuk - Everyone’s name will stay in the drawing and we will be drawing for Alaska Airlines ticket and other prizes - The survey is a onetime per cell phone number entry, and the number is 833-321-0166 and you’ll text the work COVID to that number - Disclaimer: Standard messaging and data rate apply - The survey is 9 questions text messages and that is the only thing we would use your cell phone number for
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If a resident wants to go home to the village, and if they are traveling from out of state, will they need to quarantine in Nome before returning to the village? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If they are just passing through and going from Alaska Airlines to Bering Air no they do not need to stay in Nome and quarantine. They will need to complete a travel permit for Nome and contact the person of contact for the village they want to go to. If the village that they are going to requires them to quarantine in Nome for 14 days before heading to the village they will need to do so. ○ What would happen if someone gets off of Alaska Airlines and they do not have a connecting flight on Bering Air, are they required to do 14 day quarantine in Nome? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If it is a medical related travel Norton Sound has been accommodating stays at their hostel if it is a travel they will have to submit to the city how they are going to quarantine the day or two they are here because they have to be isolated from the rest of the people in Nome. ▪ If it is for medical travel and the traveler knows that they will need to stay in Nome for the night please contact Amy Hollis at 907-434-0654 that way they can preplan for a place before they get to Nome. ○ If someone was passing through because they are returning back to the village from college, would there be a place in Nome that they can stay? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is one hotel that is operating and one boutique hotel that may have accommodations for those who need to stay for a day or so.

- This was discussed on previous call and that Norton Sound understands college students are going to be returning to this region. Higher education is important for all of us and Norton Sound is willing to assist with those students so please reach out to Amy Hollis. It is helpful if we have advance notice so we know how many students may be returning at one time and we can coordinate that. We will also be the contact for those college students.
- **Heard there might be a virus surge in fall and was wondering if it will get to the villages? Also wants to know about dust control in the villages because during summer there is a spike in respiratory issues because of the dust.**
 - It is hard to know for sure. Traditionally these viruses have kind of come back in the fall and winter and we are going to plan for that. We don't know for certain and no one can predict that for sure. As far as dust and asthma, dust can make with lung disease worse.
- **Think today is the first day of federal opening up Alaska with limited opening and worried about the villages and understanding is that Brevig and Teller are opening with limitation. Wondering about other villages and village travel.**
 - Some businesses are allowed to open back up under certain measures. Some restaurants can open, tattoo shops, barber shops. There are strict regulations on how many people, and masks. Not sure if villages are making any openings or not.
 - Some business can open but do not know if state has opened up travel.
 - Nothing has changed when it comes to travel. If you are traveling from the lower 48 you are still required to quarantine for 14 days. The City of Nome travel permit is still in place and all the village travel bans are still in place. We did talk about that yesterday on the call. These bans have really worked well and we would like them to continue as long as they can.
 - **MAS:** I know there are a lot of diversion on what the president is doing and what our governor is doing and I just read Georgia who opened early has 1,000 new cases in 24 hours and they opened way to early. Navajo Nation they continue to see COVID spread and have reported deaths and I don't think this is over yet and we need to be vigilant in continuing to define what our region and our communities want to keep in place that is up to us and I do think conservative states and this is just my political opinion that there to concern about the economy and they have our governor helping to facilitate the opening of the Bristol Bay fishery against the wishes of the tribe Bristol Bay region and I think we'll have to try to continue to remain active in defining what our normal is going to look like whether that's testing strategy, travel bans, continue to limit into the summer until there's a vaccine.
 - We have received a lot of community bans and some communities will be meeting again to update their restrictions.
- **Comments were made about travel to the communities and the worry about student's bringing it back and possibly not following the quarantine.**
 - Posting the name of the people coming to the community or a

document hand out to those returning letting them know what is expected and what penalties and them signing it and if it would carry a little more wait.

- **Some people were tested on Tuesday and they were informed that they would hear back Thursday and was wondering how they would be contacted?**
 - Give 72 hours for the result to even get back. The very fastest way for you to have access to your lab results is to get my health that is an online system that you can register for to get your lab results at any time. That is the fastest way. If you talk to the clinic they can get you on the system. Dr. Peterson recommends everyone to get on that. If you don't have that or can't get access, or don't want it, that can tell you that with 72 hours in the village 2-3days at the most any positive case is going to set off a lot of alarm bells and you will be getting a call. Negative cases you are going to be getting a call back as well, at 48 hours may be too soon but Dr. Peterson can look into that.
- **Can anyone who uses Norton Sounds services get into the my health program?**
 - My Health is a patient portal. As long as you have had an encounter at Norton Sound, a single visit, you are eligible for a patient portal access. To get that contact your local clinic and they can give you that access. You will need a smart phone or computer to get on there. They will ask for your email address and a code to get you access on there and once on there you can see your labs, notes about upcoming and previous visits, you can send messages to your provider, and request appointments.
 - For children 11 or under parents can get access to their health page and any patient 18 or older can get access to their page. There are some additional restrictions for patients age 11-17 because of state laws for privacy that minors can do without parental consent.
 - We do share this with ANMC and or any other tribal health organizations in the state.
- **MAS: If someone would like to get an antibody test, they understand it is a blood drawn that would have to be sent in, knowing there's a positive case in Nome that is an unknown community spread, if people want to know if they overcome it, can they request it? Can they go to Norton Sound and request an antibody test?**
 - Yes we have the capability to sending the test to quest diagnostic which is a commercial lab and we have the ability to send it to ANMC. If someone is interest in that test or have a curiosity they see they clinician and bring it up, talk about it with the clinician, they will decided with you and if the decision is to do it we have the capability to do it.