

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes  
May 12, 2020**

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\*Over 70 people attended today's meeting.

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION</b>
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"> <li>1) Prayer</li> <li>2) Medical Staff Briefing</li> <li>3) Comments and Questions</li> </ol> <p>Note- Any questions may be sent to Reba Lean at <a href="mailto:rlean@nshcorp.org">rlean@nshcorp.org</a> 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, NSHC Medical Director	<p><b>Dr. Peterson gave medical staff update on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alaska: 2 new cases within the last 24 hours, 383 total case in the state, 334 recovered, 39 active cases in the state, no new deaths for a total of 10 deaths</li> <li>- ANMC: 13 outpatients, 0 inpatients</li> <li>- NSHC: up 120 tests from yesterday, ,1176 people have been tested, 929 negative, 246 pending(most at ANMC), 1 tested positive (The one and only case thus far), 1 person has received and there are no active cases in the region</li> </ul>
Mandate 18	<p><b>Deanna Stang with Public Health went over the following Mandate 18:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Effective 8:00 a.m. on May 12, 2020, intrastate travel is permitted under the following conditions and guidance:</li> <li>- Definitions for purposes of this Mandate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Road System” is defined as any community connected by a road to the Seward, Parks, Klondike, Richardson, Sterling, Glenn, or Top of the World Highways.</li> <li>• “Marine Highway System” is defined as any community served by the Alaska Marine Highway System or the Inter-Island Ferry System.</li> <li>• “Critical Personal Needs” is defined as those needs that are critical to meeting a person’s individual or family needs. Those needs include buying, selling, or delivering groceries and home goods; obtaining fuel for vehicles or residential needs; transporting family members for out-of-home care, essential health needs, or for purposes of child custody exchanges; receiving essential health care; providing essential health care to a family member; obtaining other important goods; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>engaging in subsistence activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure” is defined as businesses included in “Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure” (formerly Attachment A)</li> <li>• Intrastate Travel between Communities Located on the Road System and/or the Marine Highway System is permitted for all purposes. Note: travelers may travel between the Road System and Marine Highway System communities via any normal means of transportation, including vehicle, boat, ferry, aircraft, and commercial air carrier.</li> </ul> <p>- All Travel To Or From A Community Off The Road System Or The Marine Highway System Is Prohibited, Except As Necessary For:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Personal Needs</li> <li>• The conduct of Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure</li> </ul>
<p>Updates</p>	<p><b>Angie gave an update on the billboard project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They came in</li> <li>- We got 26 of them</li> <li>- At least 1 sign in each village, and for larger villages there will be two</li> <li>- NSHC will write a letter to each community on location of placing them up</li> <li>- NSHC has staff to put them up</li> </ul> <p><b>Glenn with the City of Nome gave an update on the Port:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The port is opening up soon</li> <li>- There is still ice in the port</li> <li>- The port will be open for the first barge to come in</li> </ul>
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>If a patient goes to Nome for medical checkup, stays overnight, goes back the next day to the community will they still need to quarantine?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ That is up to the community.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>A family in the region lost a loved one and needs information on what is required for travel arrangements for family that need to come home.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Condolences to family on the last of a loved one. No issues passing through to go home. Need to complete travel permits but the city council is reviewing the travel process on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Please email <a href="mailto:travelpermit@nomealaska.org">travelpermit@nomealaska.org</a> the travel permit and you can find the permit can be found at nomealaska.org. Each person traveling will need a permit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Is testing being done at Alaska Airlines terminal?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Not currently.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Comment was made about the tourist and what the local people are worried about and what to think about for the next city council meeting.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The goal for the city is to get the city reopened in a safe manner.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Prayer was done for family that lost a loved one.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Were all aware that the highways will be open out of Nome and there might be an influx of travel on the highways. On quarantine restrictions in Nome and arriving in Nome, what is the expectation of the outside visitors? Will that be posted at the city, stores?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The stores have policy in place and requests and signs posted in the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>store.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Encouragement was made for the Northern Region to keep the 14 day quarantine and not to ease it to 7 days.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Comment was made of hoping that the social stigma from the first case doesn't happen for the next case.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Discussion was held about how the first case got to Nome and the concern since it was not travel related.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Can you give an update on any progress on experiments with the virus?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Newest science from the CDC and NIH is that there are 8 different vaccines but we are not looking at any being approved and available until next year.</li> <li>▪ There is a distribution of medication for those that get really sick and the federal government will be sending it out.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>A lot of us are still subsistence hunting. Let's work together to whatever we do to follow the CDC guidelines and listen to NSHC and what is best for us.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Wondering if you can find a place to test the wastewater to see if it is in the community.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NSHC doesn't have that capacity to test wastewater. That would be something for public health to consider.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>What is the process for itinerants? Are they getting tested prior to coming to the villages?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All mid-levels who travel to village require 14 day quarantine prior to going. We will continue this even if they state mandate says differently. We are requiring testing every two weeks for all clinical staff.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Is there going to be a push for water and sewer projects?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research has been overcrowding.</li> <li>▪ If we are going to be proactive, we need to partner with another agency to raise our people up if we have 3 or 4 families living in a home.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Zink and Dr. Eastman are on their way to Stebbins to see firsthand the unserved community.</b></li> <li>○ <b>NSHC and Kawerak has worked together the last three years with Megan to make progress on water and sewer.</b></li> </ul>
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