

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
May 14, 2020**

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Dan Harrelson, White Mountain		

*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) Updates 4) Survey 5) Comments and 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, NSHC Medical Director	<p>Dr. Peterson gave medical staff update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alaska: 4 new cases in the last 24 hours, 387 total cases, 339 recovered, 38 active cases - As we be saying, as the state opens up a little bit more we expect to be seeing more cases so it is not surprising to be seeing 4 cases - It's not an alarming number but reminds us that the virus is here, it's around, and as we open up more we expect to see more cases - We will be watchful of it now for the next couple of weeks - This is why we need to take our time here with changes just to see what happens there as they open up along the road system - ANMC: 13 outpatient, 0 inpatient - NSHC: really no changes here for us, we are over 1,200 people being tested, certainly no new cases here in the region
Updates	<p>NSHC update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our village facilities management staff were able to install some of the billboards - The first one we put up is right on NSHC property and it's visible when you drive west on the bypass road past the facility and it's visible to anyone driving into the parking lot at NSHC - We have four other signs we will be installing - We will be consulting with the City of Nome on locations

- We do know that one will go at the airport, progress is underway there
- We have heard back from several of the villages and will be sending the signs your way as well as the additional lumber or other material necessary to put the sign up
- We have staff identify to install them in the villages as well

City of Nome update:

- Sent over to Reba to distribute to the leadership of the villages and the tribes that the City of Nome is lifting any requirement for travel permits to any of the villages starting on Monday May 18th
- The letter states that a permit will no longer be required to allow movement within the area
- Does not override anything that has been put into place in the villages for your travel protection
- We told Dr. Peterson and everyone feels, on the City side, very safe that regular travel and movement can take place if the travel communities do not have a problem
- We look forward to getting back to some normalcy in our live
- Dr. Peterson clarified the following:
 - Villagers traveling to Nome do not need to than, starting Monday May 18th, apply and receive an entry permit
 - Villagers traveling from Nome and in Nome for medical or other issues do not need an exit permit from the City of Nome to travel back to the village
- If the villages have their own requirements, our decision has no impact on their decision of people going back to the villages
- If a village has a quarantine requirement of people to do 14 day of quarantine in Nome and 14 days in the village that still stands and also if there is a requirement for someone to quarantine for 14 days upon entry into that village than that is still required
- Currently individuals from the villages who travel to Nome are not required by the City of Nome to quarantine for 14 days in Nome (since we do not have any cases at this time in our region, this is always subject to change in the future)

Quarantine update:

- Will be talking with the different leaders at the city level of each village
- Bering Air is getting a little stricter and want to start having something in writing before they let people return to the village
- For those villages who are going to continue having quarantine mandates in their villages, we need to work with getting some type of documentation in place
- If the tribal leaders could please reach out to Amy Hollis, 907-434-0654, to come up with something that would work for everyone

Jason Anchorage update:

- It's a really relax state of mind in Anchorage with the warmer weather and sun
- A lot of people not wearing masks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People out and about like normal - People are starting to have yard sales, garage sales, things that were prohibited weeks ago - Lots of action going on in Anchorage and things are kind of back to normal really - Probably half the folks going around still wearing masks - People in the outdoor settings are really not wearing masks
<p>Survey – Megan MacKiernan, Compliance Director</p>	<p>Survey update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 311 people that have responded to survey - Winner today is Barb Gray, Council, won an insulated mug - If you have been tested, we would like feedback from that experience - If you give us that feedback we will enter you into a drawing - You can text COVID to 833-321-0166 or fill out the paper survey - We draw everyday
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will the permit still be required for traveling in and out of region? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That is correct. ○ Savoonga has a little stricter village ban but will revisit that on May 22nd and will be working with Dr. Peterson on that. Will make sure they update the current village travel ban they have to make it easier for NSHC or patients traveling back from Anchorage. ○ Where can we get a copy of the Nome restrictions for COVID-19? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Peterson stated the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villagers can travel to Nome without a travel permit and travel back to the villages • Should be wearing a mask while in Nome • Social distancing ▪ City of Nome has been putting out PSAs and are also on the city website nomealaska.org. The only restrictions that Nome basically has in place right now are two: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduction of hours on the liquor and cannabis stores 2. Travel permits The rest are the guidelines implemented by the state and the state’s recommendations. That’s where the City of Nome is. ○ OA: there are 4 new cases today and was wondering where those cases are located? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tomorrow we should find out. ▪ Public health stated it does not look like the press release for the new cases have not been put out yet but the DHSS press release should be out before closing today. ▪ MAS: Two are in Juneau at a prison that was exposed to someone who had it there. She was rather cautious going through Ted Steven’s International Airport because it was full of workers from the lower 48 going to the North Slope/Prudhoe Bay so we have a lot of outside labor coming in whether it’s from the fishery sector going to Bristol Bay or North Slope. As we travel to Anchorage for health and medical

reasons, or any other, I would exercise caution and care and awareness. One of the places where people from the lower 48 are mixing is at Ted Stevens International Airport.

- **Were most folks wearing masks?**
 - MAS: No did not see people wearing masks.
- **Does anybody know what Unalakleet's travel ban is?**
 - Unalakleet's tri-agencies are meeting today. There is a form that needs to be filled out and submitted to the travel committee and then they're approving essential travel and travel for essential employees for now and we will just see if the recommendations are going to be after the meeting today. Folks are still required to quarantine for 14 days anything they travel.
- **Was wondering about NSEDC fishing.**
 - Understanding is that they were going to try and hire locally and if someone wanted to come in they would have to quarantine but they are also responsible paying their own way there.
 - Dan Harrelson stated that NSEDC is not bringing people in from other communities into Nome or Unalakleet to work at the fish plants. They can pay for their own way down and abide by the quarantine rules etc. they can be hired that way.
- **Will they be responsible for their own housing?**
 - Correct.
- **What about on the boat?**
 - They were looking for workers to work on the tenders. Don't know how filled up they are. If we bring people in for tenders they will hire people from the villages for the tenders and they will be put through quarantine and when they travel to a community to pick up fish they will have to stay on the boat and not go into town.
- **Are they giving exceptions for college student's to return home through Unalakleet?**
 - If they are passing through Unalakleet they do not need to quarantine.
- **Can you tell us about the Unalakleet committees?**
 - We have our tri-agency so it's made up of the people that sit on the city council, Unalakleet Native Corporation voted and the tribal council. They meet when needed, and they discuss the travel restrictions or travel ban. We have a separate committee that has 1 person from each organization but they do not know who those people are because they make tough discussions anytime they have a request for someone to come in.
- **OA: Are the pathfinder helicopter pilots aware that there is going to be a change on Monday that they will not need travel permits to and from Diomedé?**
 - Glenn is reaching out to pathfinder and to Bering Air to make sure they know that. Don't know what Diomedé's plans are for their community and if they will still require a permit to go into Diomedé or is Diomedé prepared to just let travel flow back and forth through pathfinder and to Diomedé.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OA: Thinks she will have a meeting with pathfinder and get some information from them because she is not sure what they are going to want from the passengers traveling back to Diomedes and she will keep Glen posted. ○ Comment was brought up that a family of three needs to go to Anchorage for medical so they contacted at NSHC if they could schedule their appointments together so they could be in Anchorage together. The lady helped them out and they are trying to work it out in Anchorage. Wanted to let people know that if more than one of you need to be referred to Anchorage it might be a good idea if you try and group up a little bit. If you have to quarantine or whatever you need to do where the quarantines are you may feel more comfortable being around other people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We are seeing people all over who travel together and being quarantine buddies when they come back and if you team up with someone that are a great ideal. ▪ Jackie Crisci is the ANTHC employee who sits here at NSHC first floor and she is available to assist. Our patient advocate in Anchorage is Jason Harrell and his number is 907-434-2844 and has a work station at ANMC and can be available to advocate and go to different departments at ANMC and help coordinate visits for you as well.
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