

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes  
June 17, 2020**

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\*Over 40 participants attended today's meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION
Introduction to Meeting – Angie Gorn, NSHC CEO	<p><b>Today's Reminder:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please keep phone muted unless speaking or asking a question</li> </ul> <p>1) Medical Staff Briefing 2) Changes with Governors mandate for travel 3) Comments and Questions</p> <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>
Updates	<p><b>Angie gave an on the positive case from 06/16/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You may have heard through the media yesterday that Norton Sound did announce the 6<sup>th</sup> positive COVID-19 case in our region</li> <li>- It was identified to be travel related</li> <li>- The patient did agree to disclose their home community as the community of Nome; However investigation it may be determined that this person is just becoming a resident and may be classified as a non-resident with the state reporting; We will have to wait and see how that is recorded</li> <li>- The testing was done in accordance with the City of Nome Emergency Order related</li> <li>- This case was announced yesterday</li> </ul> <p><b>Megan gave an update of cleaning supplies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have sent to all the villages packages of wipes</li> <li>- These are for hand wipes, hand hygiene, they are packaged like baby wipes but not baby wipes</li> <li>- They have been sent to every clinic and have some in some</li> <li>- For folks that come and get tested in Nome we will give them hand wipes</li> <li>- If you are needing that you can call your clinic and they can let you know what their plans are for distributing them</li> </ul> <p><b>Megan updated group on shipment for Teller:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Through ANTHC we were able to purchase some hand sanitizer that is being gold streaked out to us and have dedicated some of that for Teller and also distributing to other villages</li> <li>- We want everybody to use hand sanitizer</li> <li>- By the time all hand sanitizer comes in we will have a bunch of hand sanitizer</li> <li>- We do have a large volume on the way and as soon as they come in we are getting them out same day or next day</li> </ul>
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, NSHC Medical Director	<p><b>Megan MacKiernan gave medical staff update on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alaska:</b> In the last 24 hour calculation period which was Tuesday there were 12 new cases</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the weekend we had 29 Saturday, small number Sunday, Monday was 3 cases</li> <li>• It's bouncing around a little bit but good to see 12 cases rather than 29</li> <li>• 676 total cases, 429 recovered, 235 active cases, 45 total hospitalizations, 21 patients that are either in the hospital with COVID-19 or are possible COVID-19 patients with no test done, 12 deaths</li> <li>• We want to concentrate on the active cases</li> <li>• <b>ANMC:</b> Is no longer reported daily and possibly just doing weekly reports</li> <li>• They're report is still 0 inpatient and 53 outpatients, 10 of which are employees</li> <li>• <b>NSHC:</b> For today we now have a cumulative number of test of 7,227, 3,042 individuals tested, 5,678 negative, 6 positive, 1,543 pending</li> <li>• We did a 6<sup>th</sup> positive as Angie mentioned</li> <li>• This was not an employee</li> <li>• This was an individual in Nome</li> <li>• Who as part of their work infrastructure was required to go into quarantine for a period of time and do testing and so this was actually caught during that period of time which was great</li> <li>• They had been in quarantine and is now in isolation</li> <li>• Public health is doing their work</li> <li>• We are going to be seeing these cases as we mentioned and we are hopeful that when we get cases that they will be like this where there are not many contacts and doing the right thing</li> <li>• Getting out education to everyone about small groups, wearing mask, social distancing and washing your hands are very important</li> <li>• The concerns that NSHC has going forward as we get more air travel into the community there will be people that refuse to test and refuse to quarantine and that will be an issue for us</li> <li>• We are working on a more robust testing plan; Adding more staff out at the airport; Becoming more aggressive requesting people to get tested; Looking at potentially putting somebody in the airport in Anchorage that educates individuals traveling to Nome and let them know what we are looking for like quarantine and testing</li> <li>• If people avoid testing and avoid quarantining and then hang out with large groups that is a recipe for disaster</li> <li>• We are looking at purchasing some additional testing equipment for COVID-19 that will allow us to do up to 400-500 test a day on a unit and also looking at getting additional staffing</li> </ul>
<p>Survey</p>	<p><b>Reba announced the survey winners:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monday winner was Johanna Mata-Bauman</li> <li>- Tuesday winner was Michele Ongtawasruk</li> <li>- Today winner is Gene McFarland</li> </ul>
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Do we need to worry about virus in the dry fish or dry meat?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MM: Good news is that we are not seeing transmission in food. The transmission is potentially on services and that's really on surfaces for</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>really three days. As you are doing your subsistence washing your hands is going to help prevent transmission of any germs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>There will be a free distance delivering workshop on community wellness during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a free workshop and it is going to be held Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:30 pm. If people are interested they can register at <a href="http://mwplanning.net">mwplanning.net</a> and there is more information there.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Who can attend the coastal community COVID-19 safety meeting?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AG: The call for tomorrow is defiantly designed with leadership attendance in mind. So we want all community leadership from Wales, Teller, Brevig, and Diomedes to participate but we also want to do a call out to boat captains and fisherman who may not again hear about this unless they are seeing it on a flyer. Please go back inform your community that we want all leadership present.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Can OEH send extra buckets to Teller?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SL: Yes we should have extra in storage and will send them out today or tomorrow.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Discussion was held on Teller and possible education suggestions for their community.</b></li> </ul>
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