

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
June 22, 2020**

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*Over 40 participants attended today's meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION
Introduction to Meeting – Angie Gorn, NSHC CEO	<p>Today's Reminder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please keep phone muted unless speaking or asking a question - On Wednesday June 24th during our 11am call we will have Senator Sullivan calling in right away so if everyone could please schedule to call in a little bit earlier because we will start promptly at 11am because Senator Sullivan has other engagements after our phone call and can spend about 30 minutes with us - On Thursday June 25th we are going to hold the safe subsistence during the pandemic call which we have talked about that and we wanted to schedule time on Thursday for a focus call; We will plan in advance on the guidelines we will be sharing on Thursday - We are going to make sure we announce that call to the public in case anyone else wants to join us <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>
Updates	<p>Angie gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One request that was made by an employer is for NSHC to write a letter related to some of their employees that had to quarantine so they can add it to their file - Norton Sound is happy to do that you can reach out to Reba at rlean@nshcorp.org and somebody can call you back from here
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, NSHC Medical Director	<p>Dr. Mark Peterson gave medical staff update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska: things were fairly stable, we have a total of 755 cumulative cases, there was 21 on Saturday, 12 on Sunday, 2 seafood workers/non-resident on each day that tested positive. 37 new cases over the weekend, 475 recovered, since the beginning of this 61 patients have been hospitalized, 12 deaths • ANMC: 0 inpatient, 59 outpatient, 12 employees • NSHC: 6 positive, 5 recovered, 1 active, 7,862 test done, 3,250 unique patients, all negative except the 6 positive, quit a few pending • The city council will be meeting this evening and Norton Sound will be sending an email on our recommendation <p>Press release about 5th COVID case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our 5th case was a village regional case and they had a COVID-19 rapid analyzer test done that was positive - There was a question about this individual because it was unusual for them to be positive because they didn't fit the description, they had not traveled, they had not been around anyone that tested positive so it was unusual - The physician that was handling the case decided to do a repeat test which they did a couple of hours later which ended up being negative - Now you have a positive and a negative test which is more likely that one would

	<p>get a false negative than a false positive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We felt very strongly that this was a positive case - We have to take every positive case very seriously - Those are the results we had and we had to act on them so we did - We sent a group out to the village to test and we did quarantine for everybody - We also did a state test on that patient that same day - That took a week before that test came back and we tested two additional times on the following two days and we did that because there is a test base strategy where if you get two negative test on a patient more than 24 hours apart you can consider them cure - All three of the test ended up being negative - What that means is that they are recovered because they had two test more than 24 hours apart and they were negative - They are out of isolation and they cure and may go back home with no problem - They are not infectious and not a risk to anyone else - What does that mean about the positive test? The answer is we don't know and that the evidence suggest that it might have been a false positive, but again we have to take a positive as a positive because the risk is too high if we don't - In the end we did the right thing by isolating and quarantining and testing others - What does this mean for the analyzer in Nome? Well we know the other test that have been positive have been very most likely accurate and true positives - We have done 7,000 test and a huge number has been done on our rapid analyzer - If we have one false positive out of all those test that we run that is within the realm of that analyzer and doesn't mean that analyzer is not accurate, and no test is 100% perfect - Even if a doctor test you for strep or the flu there will be false positives there too - As we go down the road if we get any positive on our analyzer we will be treating it as a positive
<p>Survey</p>	<p>Megan announced the survey winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Received 794 entries into our testing survey - Today's winner is Barbara Ningealook
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Can somebody tabulate the number of people getting off the jet and number of people getting tested? The percentage? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RL: Louis Murphy our Nurse Manager in PCC said it's a matter of getting in touch with the airport manager before each flight and learning the number of patients coming off that flight. ▪ Dr. P: We can report the number of people getting tested but we don't always know how many are on the plane. ▪ RL: Based on what Louis knows and the number he can compare that to the average is about 35%. o Can the COVID-19 testing detect any other viruses? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P: as for the accuracy of the COVID-19 testing we know that with the rapid analyzer or the state equipment, or with the ANMC equipment that a positive is almost 100% of the time a true positive. So the false positive rate for all the testing equipment is very low. False

	<p>negatives on our analyzer, the states, or ANMC there could be more of those. Could another virus cause the test to be positive? I do not know that to be true.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Are food items that are packages safe? Like fruit and veggies?<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. P: It's extremely unlikely to pass the virus through the food item itself. Any package you get it's possible for the virus to be on a package and passed to another human. That's not a common way of getting the virus and is a rare way and packages coming to Alaska usually sit around 2-3 days. So once you get mail we have suggested to let it sit for a couple of days before opening.○ Discussion was held about traveling patient and non-patients doing their second testing in the village and other related items about Diomedede.
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