

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
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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"> - Angie Gorn is out of the office. Kelly Bogart is leading the call for today. - Please keep phone muted unless speaking or asking a question <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>
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director	<p>Dr. Mark Peterson gave medical staff update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska: 38 new cases, 4 non-resident which brings the total to 978 resident cases, 198 non-resident; 13 deaths • ANMC: increase outpatient cases 67-100 • Lots of testing, lots of young people testing positive • NSHC: Another positive case from the region but outside of the region – more information later – press release will be sent out • Confirm that the employee case from last week – negative. No additional positives • No new positives from case – not all are back yet from ANMC or state • Monday 5:30 city council meeting emergency order for quarantine – out of region, out of state, encouraging 7 day testing
Question and Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If Nome quarantine restrictions end, will NSHC still continue doing testing at the airport? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Absolutely. If requirements for quarantine go away, there will be a higher importance placed on testing. Testing upon arrival is vital. Testing will be volunteered yet encouraged. ○ If somebody leaves the village and gets tested positive outside of the region, what is the process of getting them home. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where you test positive is where you need to isolate. It doesn't matter where you reside. ANMC will help find housing for those who need to isolate. ▪ DR. P: Think 3 months ahead. So we're prepared. Wide-spread influenza vaccinations for the fall. We are likely maximizing our success with vaccinations by having teams go out to the village; they will be tested before they fly out. Be ready by September for teams to be sent out to villages. Vaccinations will be encouraged. Possible chance covid-19 vaccine wouldn't be until next year. ○ Upcoming start of the school year, should we anticipate our children going to school? And if so, what kind of precautions would be taken? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Peterson suggests someone from the school to speak on the topic. He has a general idea. In Nome, if there are no significant active cases

in town, regular schedule will continue. Green light – school every day. Yellow light – few classes per week. Red Light – all class will be online.

- Screening of students, masks required, social distancing, seating arrangements, and rules will be similar more likely in the village to have classes. Perhaps there will be a staggering system where students will alternate schedules so that there isn't an overload of students to a classroom.
- Megan: Nome city council meeting, Monday 5:30 pm old saint joes.
- **If you traveled within the state and fly back into Nome, what are the quarantine guidelines?**
 - If you come in from Nome, (in region) within the state, 7 day quarantine testing on day 1 and day 7. Or 14 days without testing.
 - If somebody is come from out of the region and trying to go to the villages, it depends on that villages travel ban restrictions and guidelines.
 - There's a spreadsheet that has a list of village's restrictions & guidelines. Contact Amy Hollis, Reba Lean.
 - RL: informed everyone that the NSHC website has the community guidelines. It is under the Covid banner and the document is labeled as. She sends out daily emails and reminders for Gambell haven't updated their travel restrictions. No call tomorrow due to Holiday. Testing tent will be open 12:30 – 5:00 PM. Will be meeting the jet. 1- 5 pm on Sunday open.
- **During a tribal meeting in Wales, the topic of Covid Testing cards was brought up. It's the size of a business card letting people know when they've been tested. When we get tested, are we supposed to be receiving those cards?**
 - Yes. You are supposed to be offered those cards.
- **I've been tested twice and haven't received those cards. Do we have to ask for them or to have them automatically given to us?**
 - Reba can reach out health aids and remind them.
 - Carol sent a reminder out to all health aides last week and will send out another reminder.
- **Will rapid testing be available to all villages?**
 - 1 in Unalakleet 1 in teller. 1 in shish. Possibly 1 in Shaktoolik. 1 in Savoonga. The ones we have are all used up. Trying to get a new testing unit and a bigger analyzer.
- **Is there a timeline for that?**
 - 8-12 weeks hoping for a new analyzer installed in Nome. Which can get 7 more analyzers out to villages? 5 out right now, just need 10 more. Scramble for another 3. Goal: Next 3 months.
 - Clarification by Dr. P: A bigger testing unit means more swabs can be tested. Villages can send their swabs to Nome to have them tested. New analyzer in Nome will be easier since we wouldn't have to send tests out to the State or the ANMC.
- **AS the cases increase, will NSHC have the medical technology to treat**

	<p>Covid patients?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Probably not, but anchorage will. For our region, if patient is sick enough they will be sent to anchorage. Plasma? People need to donate plasma. <p>○ Are villages experiencing food shortages?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gambell doesn't have food shortages. 2-3 flights brought in store foods that were thawed out and had to be given away or thrown out.
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