

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
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*Over 30 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 <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 update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No new cases to report - Holding steady the last 3-4 days - Keep up all the great work that you are doing at your community level - NSHC is working on improving on the response time on getting patients their COVID results - Something that we are working on is having an automated system, very similar to the survey you were sent via text message and would be following HIPAA and we would identify the individual and were testing this now and allow us to reach out to the patient when it drops into the Cerner myHealth portal system - Please be assured that no test that are positive are experiencing any delay, we do have a flagging system when there is a positive test and we are notified immediately, and things are put into motion to follow up with that right away - Working to put a special session together for back to school with Nome Public School, BSSD, NSHC, and everyone on the phone and we will have a focus day about returning back to school and make a list of action items that we need to have in place and what we need to plan for
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director	<p>Dr. Peterson gave medical staff update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska: 1,631 resident cases, 325 non-residents, Wednesday 24-hour period 53 resident cases, 4 non-resident cases, 31 of them in Anchorage, 6 in Fairbanks, and scattered the rest, 962 active cases, 32 hospitalization, 17 deaths • I think 4th of July brought groups together and we saw the results of that • ANMC: 3 inpatients, 2 in the hospital that are pending and could bump inpatient to 5, 203 outpatient, 19 employees • NSHC: over 12,000 tests done, 15 positives, over 10,000 negatives, over 4,000 unique patients • 15 positive cases out of 12,000 tests is about 1 out of 1,000 which is .1% which is a good percentage for us • Keep your bubble small, wearing your mask, social distance, and I think I have been seeing more people wear masks • There's positive news on a vaccine that is being developed out of the United Kingdom that is showing really positives results and they are feeling like they will have it ready by the first of the year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a couple of different vaccines and actions are different and we will get several vaccines with success and the United State will pick one or a few for our people and it is sounding positive on that end • This Friday, Saturday, Sunday coming up the weather is going to be nice, people are going to be out fishing, just remind everyone and remind yourself, get tested before going out to fish, keep your distance, wear masks, be smart, groups should be smaller then 10 and should socially distance, if you are going to meet with people ask them if they have been tested, fall is coming and think we will get over this hump and we will get closer to a vaccine and think it will be good
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there a possibility with false negative? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P: We don't get false positives. False negatives can happen and if you have been traveling, been around someone that has or had COVID and you now have symptoms and test negative we will see if we can test other's in the home and as you to isolate or quarantine and ask you to test again every couple of days most likely. ○ Are you supportive of schools opening this fall with the use of masks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P: Norton Sound will be doing what we need to do to help support the school system and help support kids getting educated. ○ Does anyone know where you can get tested in Anchorage before traveling back to the village? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P: ANMC does testing if you are within the IHS system. ▪ JH: Just West of the housing at ANMC and it is easy to see, and quick. You stay in your vehicle and need to give it 24 hours or a little more before seeing the results on your myHealth. ○ Wondering with back to school coming up, and more employers heading back to work, are the supplies to continue testing, are they going to be readily available? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MM: We are doing our best to stay ahead of supplies, and we do have back up strategies. ○ Does NSHC have enough funds available to continuing purchasing supplies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MM: Testing supplies we are receiving through several sources and we do receive reimbursement for testing through insurance companies. ○ Can I get opinion about face masks vs face shields? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MM: Face shields are a barrier and in health care you will see providers using a face shield and face masks. Face masks is good in filtering the air coming out and catching the droplets. A face shield is good at protecting against spray. For most people a face mask is probably your best option because we are trying to keep your germs on you. ○ With the increase tests happening are supplies still good? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MM: Yes, we are, and we have supplies on their way also. ○ Megan discussed hand washing station. ○ Discussion of people not quarantine and what actions can be taken.