

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes  
July 27, 2020**

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\*Over 30 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>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 the following update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is no new news to share from our region</li> <li>- You will hear from Dr. Peterson that cases continue to go up unfortunately in Alaska</li> </ul>
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director	<p><b>Dr. Peterson gave medical staff update on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alaska: Cases are going up</b></li> <li>• There was a big trolley outside of Seward where all 90 people tested positive</li> <li>• There was a seafood processing plant in Seward where everybody tested positive as well</li> <li>• A lot of those people were residents of the state, not all of them</li> <li>• There have been some groups and gatherings in Anchorage where people have tested positive</li> <li>• As of yesterday, there were 186 for Sunday for resident cases and 45 non-resident cases</li> <li>• Some of those happened day's prior but they didn't have enough time to get them in the system until later in the week</li> <li>• Some of it is due to the fish processing plant, the boat, some of it due to the fact they stacked the numbers and entered them later</li> <li>• The reality is that they are all positive cases that are happening in the state and is far too many</li> <li>• 2,524 total cases, 1,707 active cases and the number we want to concentrate on these numbers</li> <li>• The hospital numbers are important as well</li> <li>• Right now, between positive patients and those potentially positive there is 43 patients in the hospital across the state right now and is up and continue for those to trend up</li> <li>• 1 additional death bring total to 20</li> <li>• ICU beds is at 86 available in the state, 600 beds open, 200 ventilators available, there are 4 COVID patients on ventilators</li> <li>• <b>ANMC:</b> 5 inpatients, 1 under investigation, 308 outpatient, 25 employees tested positive</li> <li>• <b>NSHC:</b> 1 active case, 19 recovered, we continue to test, around 13,000 tests overall, tested 4,500 individuals, 20 cases overall</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue masking, social distancing, quarantining, testing</li> <li>• We are going into this fall and feel more prepared and it will be a long fall and a long winter with influenza onto of COVID</li> <li>• We are as prepared as can be with staff and equipment</li> <li>• I think the state is going to be watching this closely with off site locations prepared in Anchorage</li> <li>• Our dental department plans to get there village trips going starting in August and Dr. Kelso put together a letter to all village leadership indicating dentals plan for care in each village; He want's a response back from the leadership on this plan; Specifically he is asking if you don't want us coming please email us and let us know that</li> <li>• Basically the plan is that all of the dentist will have been in the region for two weeks or longer, without symptoms, have a negative test before going out within 48 hours, wear all PPE when there, all the patients will be tested prior to their appointment</li> </ul>
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>What age is a good age to start with for COVID test?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. P: 3 years of age and up.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>What is the current percentage of Teller?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. P: 75% before we sent out the testing team so it will be higher. Will report tomorrow. Mark Hayward is out there to continue testing and we would like to achieve 80% or more. There is a list of residents of Teller that have not been tested and Mark will be working on the list.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Suggestion was made for a drawing for the Teller residents who get tested to motivate testing.</b></li> <li>○ <b>My understanding is that the supply issue is nationwide or becoming a concern. Is this another bump in the road that we are experiencing and are people working to resolve this issue?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. P:</b> I know that ANMC just mentioned in an email that they are having trouble with supply issues and I'm sure they are actively working on it.</li> <li>▪ <b>MM:</b> For ID now the levels seem to be okay. There have been some issues for the big machines lately both at ANMC and the state. Some of the chemicals required to do the process on the big fancy machine have been shorter supplied. I think everybody should be back up and running now. We are probably going to see throughout the next year there may be little shortages, but we try to have a stock on hand and restock as quickly as we can.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>When we want to get minors tested do, we must give permission?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>MM:</b> Yes, legal guardians must give permission and consent for any patient under the age of 18.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>