

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
August 3, 2020**

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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"> - Yesterday NSHC announced in a press release that we have a new positive case in one of our villages - We did have permission to share that the village was Unalakleet - We worked with the community leadership to develop a plan for follow up testing - The patient is safely isolating - Close contacts have been informed - We are grateful for folks in our region who are following through with recommendation that villages have put in place for travel - We do want to announce another case that we became aware of this morning - Can tell you that it is in a different village here in the region and we do not have permission to share that village - Can assure you that we have already worked with the community leadership of that village and informed them of the new positive case in their village - This case is not related to yesterday's case - The press release will be coming out shortly here within the next few hours - We are working with that community now and that leadership to provide follow up testing for the community - This case may also be determined to be classified as travel related as well - Think a common theme well continue to talk about is what type of travel restrictions all our villages continue to maintain and the importance of testing plus quarantine
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: 3,341 positives, over 60 new cases today, 19 non-residents, 159 yesterday, 80 today, continue with high numbers • Heard Anchorage was going to be shutting down places with high number of spreads • Plenty of ICU, ventilators and beds available in the state 624 beds available, 90 ICU beds available, 259 ventilators available, 4 patients on ventilators, 25 deaths, 28 people in hospital with COVID-19 and 10 who's test are pending • ANMC: 6 inpatients, 403 outpatients, 33 employees who tested positive • NSHC: 2 active and additional cases, 19 positives in region cases, 3 out of state

	<p>positives, 22 people from our region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to get the total growing number of cases to come down • The two new cases, the one in Unalakleet tested and quarantine part of the program, the other positive in the region tested per the testing program and they were in quarantine as part of the program also • Do think that these two cases are going to be classified as travel related
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How often should local police or VPSO test? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P: I would have them test twice a month. ○ Dr. Peterson read an article from the newspaper about Anchorage’s new mandates on shutting down business and other steps to get cases under control. ○ Are there any other viruses going around right now? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P: There are other viruses going around right now. If you have a cough, cold, running nose, sore throat we do encourage you to get in and get a COVID test done. We do want you to call and get an appointment and tell them of any symptoms you have, and you will get seen. If it’s appropriate you will get a flu test and a COVID test. No influenza in our region yet but there are cases in the state. We do want people that are ill to get in and get tested and we want the village communities to still get in and encourage to get tested and if you are front line workers to get in and get your testing done regularly. ○ I read in the paper that for school students they will just take their temperature in the morning. What else are they going to be doing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P: We have visited with the school system and will be meeting with them more. We would like the general public in each village to get tested once a month and think it is reasonable for the students in the schools to get tested once a month. We are going to be visiting with the school systems more about that. Basically, we are going to encourage parents to have their kids come in and get tested once a month. We want to continue testing of children in the villages and school age students once a month. We will have a plan with the school system in place on who will be doing testing on which week. If anyone is sick, they will be sent home from school and will have to contact the clinic to be seen and get tested. ○ On the Unalakleet case that they had where the person flew into town with 5-6 other people on the plane and it wasn’t discovered until the next day it seems like there may have been a lot of contacts that those folks made within the 24 hour period. How many people do you have checking the contacts that those folks might have run into? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P: It’s not so many. People are doing a good job on keeping their bubbles small. People are wearing mask and social distancing and not meeting a lot of people. With this specific case the people that were involved were aware of risks and doing the right thing. We ask about all the contacts and go over a few times. In this case there are not a huge number of contacts. ○ Do you have a backlog with getting results back?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. P: For any village that has a rapid analyzer you will get results back the same day. Were getting 10 more analyzers that are supposed to be here this week. They will get out to the rest of the villages probably in the next 2-3 weeks and they will have an analyzer and someone to run it. If we are going to test a large amount of people in the communities, they cannot be done on the rapid analyzers because you can only do 20-30 on a rapid analyzer. If we are going to test 100+ in a day we need to get those sent out. We are trying to get those sent out to the state lab because the turn around is 24-48 hours from when the swab arrives there. a 3-4 day should be about the wait you will have to wait to get results back. ANMC is running behind more and that's because they ran out of items and are getting caught up now.▪ MM: We did roll out the new texting system to where the results get to the patient sooner. This is to reduce the burden on the staff trying to call people and it seems like the new texting systems seems to be successful and getting the results to the patients the day after they get into the charts.
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