

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
August 4, 2020**

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Jason Harrel, NSHC	Charlene Saclamana, Kawerak	Axel Jackson, Village of Shaktoolik
Joanne Keyes, Wales	Barb Gray, Native Village of Council	Glenn Steckman, City of Nome

*Over 20 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"> - We have had few cases over the last 2-3 days - On Sunday Norton Sound had issued a press release communicating that we were aware of a non-resident who was tested and flew to Unalakleet and received the results after arriving into the region - We were able to share on Monday that the patient is currently in Unalakleet - Our process is to follow up with leadership which we did on Sunday and they have a plan in place and part of that plan was to conduct follow up testing - Yesterday Angie announced shortly before the call and shortly before the press release was issued that we were aware of another patient in one of our villages, not able to share that village by name, but can assure you that local leadership in that community was informed and partnering with Norton Sound to keep that village safe - We did announce that there was another positive case yesterday, again it was a regional village - Last evening, we issued a press release and we were able to share again that it was the community of Unalakleet - Currently 2 active cases are in Unalakleet - Our process again was to have teleconference with the local leadership - Angie wants to thank and commend all those community leaders there in Unalakleet and have had several people talking on the phone and working out a plan to keep their community safe - We did issue that press release as well and that patient is safely isolating, close contacts are quarantining, and follow up testing will continue today in Unalakleet - Unalakleet on Saturday put a few measures in place, and they made universal mask wearing was in place in all public building in their community - It is wonderful for all communities to put that in place now as it is a prevention measure - Unalakleet wanted to re-emphasize that anyone traveling into Unalakleet should have a COVID test with results back 3 days prior to traveling in - They are looking to see patients that have tested and received a negative test back before traveling into Unalakleet - Part of our press release we reiterate some of those safety precautions and you

	<p>will also see embedded in our press release reminding everyone about compassion for anyone in our region who test positive because it could be any one of us at any time with the way this virus works and wanted to remind everyone of that as well</p>
<p>Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director</p>	<p>Dr. Peterson gave medical staff update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska: we are up to 3,341 total cases, we don't have numbers for today but the numbers for yesterday that I reported yesterday there are 61 resident cases, 19 non-resident, 80 cases overall yesterday, • 28 hospitalized, 10 with suspected COVID, 25 death, 4 people on ventilators, 259 ventilators available in the state 90 ICU beds, 624 general beds in the state • ANMC: 5 people in the hospital with COVID, a little over 400 people that have been tested and positive with COVID, 33 employees • NSHC: 3 recently new cases, 3 active cases, 20 in region 3 outside of region, 17 recovered • The three active cases were caught because they were following the program of testing and quarantining and that's why they were caught • We want to continue testing and quarantining • In Anchorage they are trying to cut the numbers down but closing bars and restaurant where they are gathering • Know that people are gathering outside thinking they can't catch COVID, but you can • We want people to stay away from that • Hopefully we will see numbers go down in the state specifically Anchorage because that is where the virus will come from into our region • Continue getting tested at the airport, we have new tents coming that will be put up and have a more efficient system • Wear your mask in any public building, wash your hands, keep your distance, self-isolate • Don't travel if you don't need to • If you do travel, make sure to wear your mask
<p>Question and Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is happening with the after care for patients that recover? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P: If somebody has COVID-19 and they have mild symptoms or no systems at all, they spend their 10 days in isolation and then go about their business. Most patients recover from it and they do well. There is not a requirement that they get seen after. Usually people that are significantly ill and hospitalized some of those people go on to have continue issues and problems. As far as their follow up they are likely to follow up with the primary care provider or specialist who saw them. There are cases where people are having chronic longer-term problems. 90% of the patients do well. ○ Charlene Saclamana with Kawerak gave a reminder to the city leadership, and tribes in the region that Kawerak will be hosting a teleconference at 10am. Tom Okleasik will be talking about his personal equipment survey and Charlene would like to follow up with each of the villages to see how they are doing as far as COVID preparedness and response. ○ Concern was brought up about Wales receiving cleaning supplies.

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- **Glenn Steckman confirmed with Alaska Airlines that they are going to be going to weekend flights starting Labor Day and they are going to be requiring masks even in the airport terminal. The Kotzebue flight will be kept separate from the Nome flight at this time.**