

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
March 11, 2021**

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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 Public Relations at pr@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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State of Alaska, numbers are higher, 220 total resident cases. More cases in Wasilla than Anchorage. Bethel seems to be having another outbreak in 5 villages. YK had 30 cases in the last couple of days. 50% of their eligible adults are vaccinated, and about 30% total vaccination. 4 more Brazilian variants were found in AK and released yesterday, which is concerning. Those variants are more infectious, and the vaccine doesn't work AS WELL for this variant - NSHC: No new cases, 3 active cases in the region - Continue to rollout vaccine. - NSHC had a meeting with ANMC and State of AK epidemiology. There haven't been many native American people included in the vaccine research studies. Please get vaccinated as soon as your possibly can, which ever vaccine is available to you.
ASAA Basketball Mitigation Efforts – Billy Strickland, Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nome, 3A: March 25th – 27th - Unalakleet, 2A/1A: April 1st-3rd - State tournaments aren't going to be held at the AK Air center, rather 4 different schools across Anchorage. Palmer HS, Wasilla HS, Colony HS, Palmer MS. We will be separating boys and girls division teams. We intend to make sure teams aren't playing at 2 different locations as much as possible. - Each school is issued 125 tickets per game. And so you can get access via the school. After the game, all guests must leave, so that the school can be disinfected. ASAA is requiring masks at all times, for guests and players alike. - Schools will be required to screen their students every day. Each time will be assigned a bench, and those chairs will be distanced when not online. - Mitigation strategy is posted online: https://asaa.org/covid-19/
Question and Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Peterson: How do you decide if teams/schools should send their team to the Valley, where there is COVID.. B. Strickland: We've learned mitigation strategies work. We expect each school can. - B. Strickland: We believe that sports/activities are important for students, for physical and mental health. We believe it can be done safely, if mitigation plans are in place and strictly followed. - Janelle Otton: At each of the site locations, is there 1 common area for live streaming? All will be streamed via the NFSH network. It's a \$10 fee for a month long subscriptions. - John Waghiyi: Are you requiring the students to require masks while playing on the court? B. Strickland: Yes. We understand that playing with masks is a hindrance, and yet for the safety of all players, it's important that people are keeping theirs on. JW: Will BSSD have teams? BS: BSSD is allowed to send 2 girls and 1 boys team for 1A, and Unalakleet is sending both their boys and girls teams for the 2A division. NWABSD is sending 2 boys team and 1 girls team for 1 A. - BS: The tournament is a single elimination. - Crystal: Is there any rules with student athletes not competing in other. Other than hockey, ASAA doesn't have any rules regarding dual sports. If a student is involved in a ASAA sanctioned sport, then they should notify their school if they're involved in any other activities. If schools play less than 11 games, the school can play after the season and

	<p>can play up to 6 hours a week once the season is over. Typically schools are allowed to play 22 games. If a team plays less than 11 games, then after the season is over they can practice up to 10 hours a week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roy: What’s the process for COVID testing, and temperature checks? BS: ASAA is not requiring testing for the event. ASAA doesn’t have the capability or support for testing of all athletes. The Municipality of Anchorage wouldn’t allow any non-ASD schools included. The Mat-Su Borough has allowed for us to host. MP: NSHC will be testing all of our students prior to leaving of the tournament. We are fortunate to have most of the 16-18yo athletes vaccinated so far. We’ll have to have the admin and coaches on to talk through this. BS: I wish we could’ve gotten the testing available, but the logistics of that aren’t as easily accessible. We expect the students to test prior to leaving and again when we get back. BS: I appreciate the concern and that people need to take this seriously. We believe our student athletes can participate safely. - Mark Peterson: We’ll reach out and hope to schedule with the NPS and BSSD superintendents regarding their COVID mitigation plans. - Caller: I was just curious if there’s an estimated timeframe for when we expect K-12? We expect ages 12+ that we hope to get approved for vaccines by end of summer. We expect it to take longer for further age groups. All 3 vaccine companies are working on getting vaccines for kids (Moderna, Pfizer, & Johnson & Johnson) - Debra, Wales: For the students that are going down in the region, is there time to get vaccinated prior to this tournament? MP: That’s getting it close. We can at least administer first doses if they’re 18+, because that still provides some immunity (50%). D, Wales: Are they going to allow people who can show proof of vaccination to go and spectate the games? MP: I don’t believe that’s a requirement, but there’s a mitigation strategy for fans. - Caller: If a player tests positive, what’s the plan for that? MP: we’ll have to get a group together, to discuss what the procedures/plans in place may be.
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