

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
April 26, 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>
Updates	<p>Kelly gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 case over the weekend, Press release is pending. - NSHC posted a press release regarding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and the pause has been lifted.
Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director – Megan Mackiernan, PA-C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State of Alaska: Friday 139 cases, Saturday 205 cases, Sunday 86 cases. Pretty steady. Fairbanks has had more cases recently than Anchorage. Tok had 20+ cases. We expect that to be due to a community event or something. In the last reporting period, the State of Alaska has identified 13 additional deaths, the State of Alaska is at 340 deaths - 1 case identified in Nome yesterday, and believed to be community Spread. All of their contacts have been contacted and in quarantine. 3 active cases in the region. - Johnson & Johnson vaccine is back in use. The risk of blood clots is 1 in 100,000. - We have Pfizer at the airport. We'll be bringing Johnson & Johnson to the airport. We've opened up vaccines to the post office. Opening day at the PO, we were able to vaccinate 7 more people. Vaccines are available at NSHC Pharmacy, the PO (Tuesday, Thursday 12-3pm), the airport, plus after hours vaccinations at the City Hall (Tuesday Wednesday & Friday 5:30-6:30pm).
Question and Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jason Harrell: How is the US doing nationwide regarding cases and vaccination percentages? MP: If you look at the graph of cases for Alaska and the US. There was a Peak from Nov. to January and has been declining since then. It's been about 33000-60000 cases a day in the U.S. Back in the peak in January, there were 230,000 cases a day. April 25th was 33000. The US has had 42% of eligible adults have gotten at least 1 dose. India has a severe cases and COVID outbreaks right now. The rate of vaccination has slowed down in the US as well as Alaska, but it's not bad. The US is vaccinating well. Israel has had 60% of their population vaccinated, with days with no deaths. We can still get clusters and outbreaks, but so far we're doing well, even in our region. It's less likely to happen with our higher vaccination rates, and we can contain outbreaks much better. - Berda: Is there a vaccine that causes infertility in young men? MP: There is not. None of the

vaccines will affect fertility in men or women. We've had strict testing in the US and none of them have affected fertility. I've heard that misinformation is going around on social media but they are safe.

- Roy: How do you find the community spread cases? MP: In general, positive cases are found when someone tests positive. People will test because they're NSHC employee, other employers require testing. Other's test periodically due to anxiety. Others will test because they're a close contact. And some people who develop cough & cold symptoms go to the C&C clinic and test their. If someone has traveled recently, then we'll qualify those as travel-related or one of their contacts have traveled. If someone tests positive and hasn't traveled
- Caller: Are any of the cases related to bars? The last time a case was connected to the ANB, has there been any cases like that since? MP: It's all about public health and public safety. If an individual had put someone at risk, then we'd put a notice out about possible exposure. We'll be releasing a press release from NSHC today: If you attended Breakers, Polar Bar & BOT on Wednesday April 21 & Thursday April 22 go and get tested if you haven't been vaccinated.
- Caller: Is there any response to this case, that tests the homeless population? MP: We test the homeless population pretty frequently. Can someone go and talk with them to let them know to test this week? Our response team will go to them and talk with them. Actually, much of that population is vaccinated because they're high risk?
- Roy: Are the bars tracking who's been there with the sheets and the phone numbers? MP: Back in November, the best way to let people know was to post a press release. The lists haven't been much help due to legibility and wasn't accurately kept.
- Toby: When testing or treating for COVID have you found other illnesses from people? MP: Nothing unusual, nothing out of the ordinary.
- Joanne: Do we have a report on the fishing derby? Reba: Today is the deadline, and we'll post updates on our social media tomorrow. We can give an update on Wednesday's call.
- Caller: If someone fishes in more than 1 community or multiple categories can they win more prizes? Reba: Prizes are going to be based on your home community where you live.
- Roy: While I was going to the ER this weekend, I was asked by a staff member why I wasn't vaccinated. I was vaccinated in December and January. Why wasn't that listed in my medical chart? MP: It should be in your VacTrak with the state of AK. It would be uncommon why your vaccine isn't listed in your EHR. We'll look into that.
- Roy: Do you have any info about vaccinated persons vs unvaccinated persons? If you're vaccinated, there's supposed to be places where you can go that unvaccinated people can't go (flights, establishments, etc.)? MP: We haven't seen that. The CDC will be updating guidelines for those that are vaccinated. We expect to see an update about easing restrictions for vaccinated individuals.