

City of Diomed

Resolution 2021-01

2021 CITY OF DIOMEDE COVID-19 EMERGENCY DISASTER RESPONSE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the City of Diomed, Alaska is a political subdivision that has jurisdictional boundaries outside of an unorganized borough; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Organization (WHO) declared a COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, United State President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the corona virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, City of Diomed held an Emergency Tri-Org Meeting on "Taking Action Steps for COVID-19 Virus"; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2020, three cases of Covid-19 were reported and confirmed on Little Diomed; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a 30-Day Disaster Declaration to combat the corona virus outbreak by following revised Health Mandates; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2020, the first Covid-19 vaccination was given in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, residents of Little Diomed, took the first dose of Moderna vaccine; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, Norton Sound Health Corporation reported a COVID-19 infection case of a Diomed person who tested positive upon arrival in Nome, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (AKDHSS) continue to issue direction and mandates regarding the COVID-19 virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state that the *new variant of COVID-19 virus* spread more easily, may lead to more cases. More cases could put a strain on healthcare resources, lead to more hospitalizations, and potentially more deaths; and

WHEREAS, Norton Sound Health Corporation Health Care service are urgent and emergent. Itinerant NSHC Providers and Staff must follow enhanced screening and safety measures of wearing masks and face shields, examination gloves, and when seeing patients; and

WHEREAS, City of Diomed and Native Village of Diomed may hire COVID Worker(s) to conduct water hauling and trash dumping for households who are in Quarantine; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who have tested '**positive**' for COVID-19, must self-quarantine for 14 days and take another COVID test. Self-isolation or Quarantine helps prevent spread of the exposure. Quaranting individuals are not allowed to enter the Stores, Post Office, School, Office Work Places, Washeteria; and

WHEREAS, all *Contacts of the Individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 virus* must quarantine for 14 days and take a COVID test before entering the public. All test information is retained by Norton Sound Health Corporation; and

WHEREAS, people who have **recovered** from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 do not need to undergo repeat testing or quarantine in the case of another SARS-CoV-2 exposure within **90 days** of their initial diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Public Workplaces on Little Diomedede must establish and post Safety Guidelines for a healthy work environment to protect themselves, other employees, and all customers from COVID-19 exposure, by following the strict guidelines of mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and disinfecting "high-touch" surfaces in the facilities; and

WHEREAS, returning travelers who are on quarantine will follow the Diomedede Washeteria-COVID Wash Day schedule and abide by proper COVID-19 protection guidelines posted at the facility; and

WHEREAS, PathFinder Aviation is contracted for Diomedede flights to conduct Federal U.S. Mail deliveries, Passenger and chartered flights. To protect the Pilot and Crew, all passengers must present 'negative test COVID-19 results and wear a face mask in the hangar and aircraft at all times; and

WHEREAS, to avoid exposure to COVID-19 virus, NO passengers are permitted to fly from Wales to Diomedede, via PathFinder Helicopter; and

WHEREAS, Essential Travelers/ Workers are required to complete the 14 Days Quarantine: 7 Days Quarantine + Covid Test in NOME, then 7 MORE Quarantine Days on DIOMEDE + Covid Test; and

WHEREAS, Critical Infrastructure (CI) include transportation systems, communication networks, emergency services, sewage & water, and electric systems. CI Workers must file a protective plan via email with the City of Diomedede and present negative Covid Test Results prior to travel. The CI Worker must wear a face mask at all times and maintain social distancing; and

WHEREAS, to avoid exposure to COVID-19 virus, private boat owners and crew from **other** coastal villages are NOT permitted to enter the community of Little Diomedede, (unless it is an emergency situation) without approval from Tribal Council Leaders and negative COVID-19 test results; and

WHEREAS, private boat owners and crew of Little Diomedede, must abide by Travel Restrictions and COVID-19 Requirements of other communities in mainland Alaska; and

WHEREAS, All persons traveling from Little Diomedede, and persons en route to Little Diomedede, must abide by City of Nome Travel Restrictions and Emergency Order No. 2021-01; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who have taken the 1st dose, and two weeks after the 2nd dose of Moderna or Pfizer Vaccine, are **NOT REQUIRED** to complete a 14 Day Travel and non-travel Quarantine; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who have taken the Covid vaccination must continue to follow travel guidelines of mask wearing and taking the Covid Test before traveling into or out of Little Diomedede; and

WHEREAS, all organizations such as, but not limited to: City of Diomedede, Native Village of Diomedede, Inalik Native Corporation, Diomedede School, and outside entities must require all attending individuals to take a Covid Test before entering the place of assembly; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Mayor of Diomedé, declares a State of Emergency Disaster for the community of Little Diomedé, Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Diomedé urges the residents and non-residents of Little Diomedé, Alaska to abide by this emergency declaration to protect all people on Little Diomedé, during this Covid-19 Pandemic.

I, the City Clerk of the City of Diomedé hereby certify the forgoing **Resolution 2021-01** was adopted by a duly convened meeting on this 17th Day of February 2021. Forgoing Resolution was approved by 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, 0, abstained .

ATTEST:



Marlene Ahkinga, City Mayor



Heather Ivanoff, City Clerk

