

CITY OF UNALAKLEET
RESOLUTION 2020-08
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has identified the COVID-19 virus as a new strain of Corona Virus not previously identified in humans, causing respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, **quarantine** separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. It is used to keep someone *who might* have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department; and

WHEREAS, **isolation** separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick. Isolation represents one of several measures that can be taken to implement infection control: the prevention of contagious diseases from being spread from a patient to other patients, health care workers, and visitors, or from outsiders to a particular patient; and

WHEREAS, **social distancing**, or **physical distancing**, is a set of infection control actions intended to stop or slow down the spread of a contagious disease. The objective of social distancing is to reduce the probability of contact between persons carrying an infection, and others who are not infected, so as to minimize disease transmission, morbidity, and ultimately, mortality;

SANITIZATION and SAFETY

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet will continue to monitor information released by the State of Alaska and the Center of Disease and Control as it is given; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet informed residents to be vigilant and sanitize any work spaces, door handles, phones and any high traffic areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet wished the community to be mindful of the elders and if they are living with an elder to take extra care by washing hands frequently upon entering their homes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet requested residents to be mindful of the Health Care providers to follow instructions given from the clinic and to let the clinic staff know if the residents have travelled from outside the city upon making any appointments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet requested the parents to pay attention to their children's health, that they are susceptible to colds during this time of year, which can spread and cause vulnerability to other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet requests the community to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and physical distancing by staying six (6) feet apart from others who are not from your household in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet encourages all residents to keep gatherings and events to a minimum.

WHEREAS, following the State of Alaska COVID-19 guidelines, large gatherings of over 50 people in the City of Unalakleet outside of regular school activities is not recommended.

FACE MASKS

WHEREAS, the use of face coverings has been determined to slow the transmission of the virus; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Unalakleet requires all persons in public indoor spaces wear masks or facial coverings that fully cover their nose and mouth.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Individuals who are speech impaired, deaf, or hard of hearing, or individuals communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, where facial or mouth movements are an integral part of communication.
2. Any child under the age of 2 years. These very young children should not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
3. Any individual who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
4. Any individual for whom wearing a mask or cloth face covering would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition or mental health condition, and any individual unable to tolerate a mask due to a physical or mental disability.

If a person declines to wear a face mask or face covering because of a medical condition or disability as described above, this order does not require them to produce medical documentation verifying the stated condition or disability. Businesses may wish to consider accommodating such individuals through curbside or delivery service or by allowing the individual inside without a mask if doing so will not place others at risk.

Employers will not be subject to fines based on non-compliance by customers so long as there is a clearly posted sign informing customers that they are required to wear face coverings. Brief removal of a face covering, such as is necessary to eat, drink, or scratch an itch does not constitute a violation of this order (although hand washing/sanitizing is recommended after such activities). Additionally, violation of this order does not create grounds for residents to harass individuals who do not comply with it.

TRAVEL

WHEREAS, travel to Unalakleet must go through a screening by the elected Travel Committee; and

WHEREAS, there will be one (1) point of contact for the Travel Committee to take information pertaining to travel, with a contact phone number of (907)310-1713; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet is discouraging any travel of visitors into Unalakleet. Understanding that we are a HUB and this cannot be avoided. We are requesting local residents to keep travel to a bare minimum; and

WHEREAS, all travelers entering into Unalakleet, 12 years of age and older, must get a COVID-19 test done within 72 hours of traveling into Unalakleet and provide proof of a negative result before entering the City of Unalakleet; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival into Unalakleet, incoming travelers will go directly and immediately into 7-days quarantine; and

WHEREAS, if someone in quarantine comes into contact with someone else while in quarantine (ex. family members), that person/s must quarantine too; and

WHEREAS, after 7 days of quarantine, each traveler must obtain a negative COVID-19 test result before returning to public places.

WHEREAS, patients who test positive for COVID-19 in the City of Unalakleet and serve out their 10 days of isolation should not test again for 90 days, per CDC guidelines. They are no longer infectious.

WHEREAS, passengers who are flying through Unalakleet to the surrounding villages are required to remain within the airport boundaries and are not allowed to step into city limits. This will be enforced by the Local Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, inter-village travel by land, air, or water is not permitted. If you are near the City of Unalakleet and have an emergency, please contact the Unalakleet Police Department at (907)624-3008; and

WHEREAS, freight, cargo, and mail services are still permitted; and

WHEREAS, flight crews are asked to stay in aircraft if possible, however, they may conduct any necessary business required by their job or use the bathroom if needed; and

WHEREAS, fines have been passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Unalakleet per Resolution 2020-08.

Warning	\$0.00
1 st Offense	\$250.00
2 nd Offense	\$500.00
3 rd Offense	\$1,000.00

Further Penalties from State of Alaska Mandate – Due to the imminent danger to the public by the spread of Corona Virus, if you violate the self-quarantine regulations set forth in the mandate, you may also be convicted of a class A misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both pursuant to Alaska Statute 12.55.035 and Alaska Statute 12.55.135; and

WHEREAS, the following are exceptions to the travel ban:

1. **Essential personnel** for emergencies (i.e. electricity, water/sewer repairs; police officers/law enforcement, pilots; Office of Children’s Services) with a screening by a travel committee consisting of the Native Village of Unalakleet, City of Unalakleet, and Unalakleet Native Corporation elected members or healthcare provider.
 - a. These essential personnel must minimize their social contact outside of their job duties.
 - b. Troopers, police, and Office of Children’s Services workers will adhere to their agency’s safety guidelines for entering our community.
2. **Essential medical travel and freight:**
 - a. Norton Sound Health Corporation will need to get important medical supplies in and out of Unalakleet,
 - b. Patients will need to travel in and out of Unalakleet
 - c. Norton Sound Health Corporation medical providers will need to travel in and out of Unalakleet; however, all Norton Sound Health Corporation medical providers must go through a 7 day quarantine prior to coming to Unalakleet.
 - d. Any medical travels that are within 24-hours of leaving and returning back to the City of Unalakleet must provide a negative COVID-19 test to the Travel Committee a day or less before leaving Unalakleet. These travelers will not have to quarantine if a negative COVID-19 test is provided to the Travel Committee.

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet understands that medevac availabilities are limited and so are subject to Norton Sound Health Corporation or other appropriate medical approval; and

The Unalakleet Tri-Agencies wants to express its appreciation to all members of the community and all those non-residents and ask for your full support and cooperation as we move forward together. We understand that we cannot fully control the situation or anticipate all of the unique situations and circumstances that may arise. However, we have moved in good faith to put

protections in place to protect our community members to the greatest extent possible. This ordinance will be in effect in the City of Unalakleet until a COVID-19 vaccine is accessible to those at a greater risk of infection such as elders, people and children who have underlying health conditions, police force, and healthcare workers.

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Effective Date: _____

Date introduced: November 11, 2020

Council votes for: _____ Council votes against: _____

PASSED and APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Unalakleet, Alaska this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Kira Eckenweiler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Otton, City Clerk