

CITY OF KOYUK

EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE #21-08

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE INSTITUTING LOCAL HEALTH ORDERS
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOYUK:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak was issued by Governor Dunleavy to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the City of Koyuk, Native Village of Koyuk and Koyuk Native Corporation elected officials referred to as Tri-Council of Koyuk began issuing COVID-19 Recommended Guidelines to allow the City of Koyuk to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Koyuk residents; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy issued COVID-19 Outbreak Health Orders, effective November 16, 2020 at 12:01am, and

WHEREAS, Local communities are permitted to enact travel restrictions to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, CDC updated quarantine recommendations from 14 days down to 7-10 days on December 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings through respiratory droplets; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy issued a 30 day extension to the Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency on January 15, 2021 for the distribution of the Covid-19 Vaccination; and

WHEREAS, Norton Sound Health Corporation and City of Nome is a hub to Koyuk; and

WHEREAS, City of Koyuk is following their recommendation of two weeks after the 2nd dose of Covid-19 vaccine, travel quarantine is no longer required. However, testing upon arrival into Koyuk, and again 7 days later is still required.

WHEREAS, City Code Section 1.20.050 allows for the City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor Relating to Emergency Management; therefore, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and shall remain in effect for 60 days; and

WHEREAS, the City Council shall make extension of, or amendment(s) to this ordinance as needed.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KOYUK, ALASKA:

That the following is hereby in effect:

1. STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDANCE

The City Council recommend the Tri-Council of Koyuk update when necessary, the COVID-19 guidelines that are in compliance with the Federal and State guidance.

2. MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE

- a. It is highly recommended that everyone wear face masks or face shields when entering Public Buildings such as: Stores, Offices, Schools & Church.
- b. All travelers must show proof of a negative COVID-19 test to local airline checker upon arrival to Koyuk, re-test for COVID-19 upon arrival and re-test 7 days later.
 - Quarantine for seven days upon arrival to Koyuk with 2 negative tests taken at Koyuk.
- c. All persons must isolate for 14 days if tested positive in Koyuk including anyone who has been in close contact and household members.
 - Everyone, especially older population and at-risk categories are encouraged to self-quarantine as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control
- d. Essential workers arriving to Koyuk are required to avoid public places when possible and to practice social distancing.
 - City of Koyuk is not accepting intrastate travel at this time, except for essential workers, community members who have critical personal need to travel and returning students.

3. OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES

- a. Community gatherings will be limited to 50% capacity of any public building.
 - "Gatherings" is defined as any event or convening subject to the exceptions and clarifications below that brings together or is likely to bring together 50% capacity of people in a single room or space. For clarity, this includes, but is not limited to: weddings, religious gatherings, parties, funerals, sporting events, social events, conferences, meetings, and other large gatherings.

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- It is recommended that all individuals practice social distancing which is defined by the CDC as remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings and maintaining a distance of approximately 6 feet from others when possible.
- c. Residents are encouraged to keep clean, wash hands regularly, disinfect: surfaces, door knobs, light switches, handles, and anything else that is often touched.
- d. All organizational councils and boards shall continue public meetings with safety protocols in place.
- e. Businesses and places of employment shall have safety protocols in place such as hand sanitizers, rubber gloves and face masks to ensure employees reduce the transmission of COVID-19 while this ordinance is in effect.
- f. Businesses are urged to implement the Centers for Disease Control guidelines for business operations:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html> and
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/workplace-school-and-home-guidance.pdf>

4. HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

- a. Ruth Qumiigan Health Clinic health professionals must symptom check all residents and visitors and may not allow individuals into the facility who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, unless they are patients. Anyone who is suspected or confirmed as COVID-19 positive shall be reported to Norton Sound Health Corporation.
- b. Ruth Qumiigan Health Clinic must prominently display “Help Prevent Disease” signs provided by NSHC.
- c. Healthcare facilities include: Clinic, 24 hour care emergency room, and VBC Office.

5. QUARANTINE/ISOLATION CENTER

- a. The city shall make available a congregate shelter to prepare for and mitigate any positive COVID-19 case that enters the community of Koyuk.
- b. The affected patient(s) will remain in the shelter until cleared by NSHC Provider.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Emergency Health Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption from January 23, 2021 to March 24, 2021.

7. EXPIRATION DATE

This ordinance shall expire 60 days after the date of its adoption. The council may extend this ordinance by non-code ordinance that is compliant with federal, state, and local recommendations regarding COVID-19.

8. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

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Be It Ordained, by a duly constituted quorum of the Koyuk City Council this 22nd day of January, 2021.

Signed:

Wallace Otton
Wallace Otton, Mayor

Attested:

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