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**Resolution 2020-05**

**Declaration of Public Health Emergency --- Travel**

**WHEREAS**, the spread of the respiratory disease COVID-19 has been designated a Public Health Emergency by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Governor of the State of Alaska and the North Slope Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the imminent threat of the outbreak of COVID-19, the State of Alaska Department of Health and Human Services has issued Health Mandates and Health Alerts and provided guidelines on its operations necessary to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Native Village of Atqasuk Council (NVA) issues a Declaration of Public Health Emergency on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020 supporting the State of Alaska Health Mandates and issuing local guidelines in order to more effectively contain the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Alaska issued Health Mandates #18, allowing Interstate travel outside the Road System and Marine Highway System, subject to mandated limitations and requirements, including "protective plans" to be issued by all businesses who have staff traveling between communities in Alaska, and allowing local communities to enact limited travel restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to substantially increased numbers of cases of COVID-19 in the State of Alaska and the COVID-19 Community spread in Utqiagvik, Alaska on the North Slope, the Native Village of Atqasuk Council (NVA) authorizes the Travel Restrictions and Recommendations listed below, effective September 19, 2020; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Native Village of Atqasuk President and the Native Village of Atqasuk Council (NVA) hereby Issues this Declaration of Public Health Emergency effective September 19, 2020 until further notice, to support all statewide Health Mandates and Health Alerts, and , pursuant to Alaska Health Mandate #18 allowing local communities to enact limited travel restrictions, hereby issues the Travel Recommendations listed below necessary to contain the spread of COVID-19:

- 1. Arriving into Atqasuk by Land, Air or River (Residents and Non-Residents NOT on Business or Work-Related Travel), Due to the Community Spread in our hub of Utqiagvik, Alaska:**

- a) **NON-RESIDENTS: ENCOURAGED NOT TO TRAVEL INTO ATQASUK UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** This does not apply to Workers or Travelers protected under Mandate 18.
- b) **RESIDENTS: STRONGLY ENCOURAGED NOT TO TRAVEL OUT OF ATQASUK UNLESS YOU HAVE CRITICAL PERSONAL NEEDS OR REQUIRED ESSENTIAL SERVICES.** If a resident must travel, they shall do the following upon returning to Atqasuk:
  - i. Travelers are strongly encouraged to take the COVID-19 test available at Alaska Airlines or Sammuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital in Utqiagvik or in their other point of origin upon arrival into Atqasuk.
  - ii. Travelers including everyone in their household, is strongly encouraged to self-quarantine and follow social distancing measures, avoid public places until negative results are received and provided to the Native Village of Atqasuk.
  - iii. Travelers **MUST** take another COVID-19 test at the Health Clinic as soon as possible after arriving in Atqasuk. Travelers and their household need to self-quarantine and follow social distancing measures until negative results are received and provided to the Native Village of Atqasuk.
  - iv. A traveler or resident who is returning to Atqasuk, who does not wish to take a COVID-19 test, must minimize all contact while traveling and must self-quarantine for 14 days when they return to their declared destination of Atqasuk. **EVERYONE** in the household must self-quarantine for 14 days also.

**2. Critical Infrastructure and Essential Services Employees arriving in Atqasuk:**

- a) Critical Infrastructure and Essential Services Employees are subject to the Protective plan filed by their employers with the State of Alaska and the Native Village of Atqasuk. These plans cover the measures taken to ensure that the employee has a negative test for COVID-19 or 14 days self-quarantine before arriving in Atqasuk and includes requirements for monitoring health and minimizing contact with the community:
- b) Copies of employers' Community Protection Plans are retained at the Native Village of Atqasuk Office.

**3. Atqasuk Local Employees may have additional restrictions for their employees' travel, testing, workplace and community COVID-19 precautions.**

**4. Individuals traveling for Critical Infrastructure/Essential Services and Critical Personal Needs may not be subject to any automatic quarantine or isolation on arrival, except as allowed under Alaska Statutes or Health Mandates:**

- a) **"Critical Personal Needs"** include "buying, selling, or delivering groceries and home goods; obtaining fuel for vehicles or residential needs; transporting family members for out-of-home care, essential health needs, or for purposes of child

- b. Copies of employers' Community protection plans are retained at the Native Village of Atqasuk and City of Atqasuk Offices.
3. **Atqasuk Local Employers may have additional restrictions** for their employees' travel, testing, workplace and community COVID-19 precautions.
4. Individuals traveling for Critical Infrastructure/Essential Services and Critical Personal Needs may not be subject to any automatic quarantine or isolation on arrival, except as allowed under Alaska Statutes or Health Mandates.
- a. **"Critical Personal Needs"** include "buying, selling, or delivering groceries and home goods; obtaining fuel for vehicles or residential needs; transporting family members for out-of-home care, essential health needs, or for purposes of child custody exchanges; receiving essential health care; providing essential health care to a family member; obtaining other important goods; and engaging in subsistence activities.
- b. **"Critical Infrastructure Travel"** is defined as businesses included in "Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure" (formerly Attachment A) on the State of Alaska COVID-19 website.
- c. **Essential Services** personnel include Emergency First Responders, Law Enforcement or Office of Children Services personnel.
5. **In order to protect our community from the spread of COVID-19, the Native Village of Atqasuk highly recommends that all individuals voluntarily follow the testing and self-quarantine measures in this Resolution 2020-05.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Native Village of Atqasuk:**  
By phone at (907) 633-2575  
By email at [nativevillageofatqasuk@gmail.com](mailto:nativevillageofatqasuk@gmail.com)

Additional information is also available on the Native Village of Atqasuk Facebook page.

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### **Social Distancing**

Social distancing is the practice of voluntarily and deliberately reducing or eliminating close contact with other people in order to stop or slow the spread of a contagious illness – such as COVID-19. Social distancing can include:

- Staying at least 6 feet away from other people
- Not leaving home unless necessary
- Working from home (including school work)
- Cancelling large gatherings – such as concerts, church meetings and sporting events
- Adhering to the new guidelines regarding entering businesses, going to meetings or religious services, and generally being around people other than those in your household

**Self-Quarantine** includes the following:

1. **Remain in your home.** Do not visit any public spaces, including grocery stores, post office, school, church, etc.
2. **Work:** Contact your employer to let them know your status. If you are working in an essential service they will provide their rules for avoiding COVID-19 transmission.
3. Do not have visitors in your home.
4. You may leave your designated quarantine location **ONLY** for medical emergencies or to seek medical care. **BEFORE** going to the clinic, call them at (907) 633-6711.
5. Follow State of Alaska and CDC Social Distancing guidelines to avoid spread of the virus within the home and the community:
  - a. Social Distancing – to the extent possible, maintain 3-6 feet of separation other people in your home
  - b. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after sneezing, coughing, blowing your nose. (20 seconds is the Happy Birthday song twice)
  - c. Do not touch your face, nose, mouth, eyes. If you must touch your face use a clean tissue.
  - d. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or into a tissue (dispose of right away)
  - e. Clean and disinfect your home, especially frequently touched surfaces such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, cell phones.
  - f. Avoid sharing towels, utensils, etc.

**Monitor for Illness:**

1. Check for fever (100.4 or greater) in the morning and evenings.
2. Remain alert for COVID-19 symptoms: Shortness of breath, cough, fever over 100.3 degrees, chills, new loss of taste or smell, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.
3. If you develop symptoms, call the Clinic right away for an appointment. Please call the Clinic staff at (907) 633-6711 **BEFORE** going to the clinic for assistance.

**Helpful Links:**

**HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS:**

**<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>**

**QUARANTINE/ISOLATION INFORMATION:**

**<https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/quarantineisolation.html>**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

**<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-gettingsick/social-distancing.html>**

**TESTING SITE LOCATOR:**

**<https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/app/2d92b77bc8044329a1ee3954b063bd8c>**

**COVID-19 TRAVELER INFORMATION:**

**<https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>**

**Travelers should take appropriate protective measures while traveling, such as wearing a cloth face covering, practicing social distancing, and washing hands frequently.**