

Lake and Peninsula Borough

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To: All Communities in Lake and Peninsula Borough

From: Nathan Hill, Manager

Re: Weekly Update

In the past few weeks, the Lake and Peninsula Borough has been working closely with State of Alaska health and government officials to develop a plan that will protect our communities while allowing for economic activity.

Ordinance 20-07 (attached) is first and foremost, to protect our communities and establish a high level of protective measures in the event that the State loosens or changes mandates. There is specific protocol laid out for all guests, visitors, and businesses operating in our borough to abide by to protect our communities.

There have also been updates to Health Mandate 10. These updates allow for visitors to enter Alaska under certain guidelines. However, this update does not change any protocol for seafood processing workers and commercial fishermen. These critical infrastructure workers are still subject to protocol laid out in in Health Mandate 17 and Appendix 1. Visitors who choose to follow guidelines in the new update to Health Mandate 10 must still minimize interaction while in the State until they have completed 14 days or they have received a second negative PCR test within 7-14 days after arrival.

You can find all the emergency declarations from each village at http://lakeandpen.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=745871&pageId=16589823. As we all know this is a rapidly changing situation and the Lake and Peninsula Borough is working hard to stay on top of the changes and keep our residents informed.

LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 20-07

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING CONDUCT FOR LODGE OWNERS AND GUESTS TO LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH DURING THE COVID-19 ("CORONAVIRUS") PANDEMIC

Section 1. Classification:

This ordinance is of a temporary nature and is a non-code ordinance

Section 2. Assembly Findings:

The Borough Assembly of the Lake and Peninsula Borough finds and determines that:

Findings

- A. The Lake and Peninsula Borough has approximately seventy lodges, inns, bed & breakfast facilities, and hotels.
- B. COVID 19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus, a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person.
- C. The World Health Organization designated the outbreak of COVID-19as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified COVID-19 as a significant public health risk; and on March 11, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the COVID-19 anticipated outbreak in the State of Alaska; and on March 13 President Trump declared a National Emergency in response to the coronavirus pandemic
- D. Governor Dunleavy has issued eighteen (18) mandates to regulate schools, health care providers, intrastate travel, protective measures for independent commercial fishing vessels, and more.
- E. As of today, in Alaska there is a cumulative total of 381 positive COVID-19 cases, 328 recovered and 10 deaths. In the USA, as of today, there is a cumulative total of 1,324.488 positive COVID-19 cases, and 79,756 deaths.
- F. As a home rule municipality, Lake and Peninsula Borough has all the powers not prohibited by law or by the Borough's charter. The Borough's

- charter, in turn, authorizes the Borough to exercise all powers permitted by law.
- G. The Borough does not intend to duplicate the efforts of the federal or state regulatory or permitting processes, although the Borough intends to rely in part upon materials and evidence generated by those processes. Rather, the Borough intends to address the unique impacts of the remote logistics of Lake and Peninsula Borough.
- H. By this ordinance, to the greatest extent permitted by law and under its charter, the Borough intends to exercise its authority as a home rule municipality to mitigate the impacts of any health risks to our residents.
- I. By this ordinance, the Borough seeks to allow businesses an opportunity to operate and add to the economy of the Lake and Peninsula Borough, without limited risks to their guests, our residents, and our limited health care system.

Section 3. General Provisions:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Assembly of Lake and Peninsula Borough enacts the following ordinance:

PROTOCOLS FOR ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS TO THE LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH:

- 1. Guests shall follow current State of Alaska mandates and guidelines for social distancing, hygiene, and group size limits, including during dining and recreating.
- 2. Guests should avoid interaction within Lake and Peninsula communities. Visitors are to go straight to their destination.
- 3. If a guest cannot avoid contact with residents, personal protective equipment, such as breathing masks, are encouraged.
- 4. Any person feeling ill or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, are not to enter Lake and Peninsula Borough. Persons are encouraged to seek medical attention in an urban environment such as Anchorage.
- 5. All persons visit Lake and Peninsula Borough are assumed to understand that medical options are limited within the Borough and it is advised that medical services should be sought in Anchorage or other larger cities. The clinics in Lake and Peninsula Borough are not equipped or prepared to provide lifesaving COVID-19 services to non-residents.

PROTOCOLS FOR BUSINESSES OPERATING IN LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH WHICH HOST GUESTS OR VISITORS:

- 1. All guests are to be prescreened. Prescreened means each guest entering the state of Alaska must fill out a form and pass a medical screening in Anchorage or other Alaska entry site, before being allowed to proceed to their destination. The guest must also sign a declaration that they are experiencing no symptoms of COVID-19. They must not have a temperature of 100.3 degrees or higher.
- 2. All employees not residents of Alaska, must observe the 14-day quarantine before being allowed to interact and work with guests.
- 3. All employees must have their temperature taken and recorded before and after each shift and a log of this shall be kept available on site.
- 4. Employers must conduct employee training to teach best practices for mitigating any viral infections such as sanitizing, personal protection, personal hygiene, etc.
- 5. All persons are to follow current state mandates and guidelines for social distancing, hygiene, and group size limits.
- 6. Employers are to conduct regular touch-point sanitization of any shared facilities.
- 7. Employers are to ensure employees use best practices and provide every employee with protective equipment, gear and knowledge as appropriate to fulfil their job in the safest manner possible.
- 8. Employers are to provide an isolation area for any employee or guest who exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19 until they can be transported to Anchorage.

Section 4. Effective Date:

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly on this 26th day of May 2020.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

Glen Alsworth, Sr., Mayor

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ATTEST:

Kate Conley, Borough Clerk

Introduced: May 12, 2020 Public Hearing: May 26. 2020

Adopted:

Ayes: Alvarez, Anderson, Olsen, Ravenmoon, Salmon

Nays: none

Not voting: Alsworth Absent: Pedersen