

### Lake and Peninsula Borough

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To: All Communities in Lake and Peninsula Borough

From: Nathan Hill, Manager

Re: Weekly Update – June 8 to 12

As you may know, the Tustumena landed in Chignik on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday a crew member tested positive for COVID19 in Unalaska. Because people departed the ferry at Chignik bound for Chignik, Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon and Perryville, BBAHC sent testing supplies and staff to each of the communities on Monday to offer testing. So far, none of those tested are positive. We will continue monitoring and working with everyone involved.

Starting Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, a private security contractor hired by the State of Alaska will begin patrolling in Egegik. They will be acting as health and safety monitors and will wear uniforms, but will not be responsible for enforcement of health mandates. They will be a consistent uniformed presence in the communities to help educate the public. Egegik has a large influx of people during the fishing season including fishermen and processors. The health and safety crew will consist of two uniformed monitors and one project manager for the Bristol Bay region.

This may be a good time to note the Borough's role in our communities. To clarify, we are a home rule borough and have authority over education, planning and taxation. We do not have authority over law enforcement or security including the security during a pandemic. We also do not have authority over health delivery services. These services are delivered and funded through the State of Alaska and our Health Corporations, respectively.

An Emergency Assembly meeting on Thursday morning amended Ordinance 20-07 regarding how lodges and guests are to behave within Lake and Peninsula Borough. The primary change is to allow employees to have the same travel restrictions as guests. The amended ordinance is attached to this memo.

If you had a chance to listen to KDLG this week you may have caught a program that included myself and Danica Wilson, Community Development Coordinator. This program was recorded last week. The show was titled "What does it take to go fishing?" and included panelists from BBNA, State of Alaska, City of Dillingham, and Bristol Bay Borough. The program covered information on Health Mandate 17, local ordinances, operational

considerations, and guidance to commercial fishermen. In case you missed it, you can listen to the show <u>online</u>.

Lake and Peninsula Borough has also been participating in Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) meetings. Staff sent a list of questions to each EOC last week and will take the answers and create a matrix that we will then share with all the villages. This will allow villages to see how others are responding to the pandemic and share some of the best ideas.

While doing this we realized each village has a vastly different policy for people traveling to their village. Staff is now working to create an easy to read graph of these policies. We will make this available to everyone as soon as it is finished.

#### LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH

## ORDINANCE NO. 20-07 AS AMENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-09

# 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 visiting 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 and employees not residents of Alaska 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 must have their temperature taken and recorded before and after each shift and a log of this shall be kept available on site.
- 3. Employers must conduct employee training to teach best practices for mitigating any viral infections such as sanitizing, personal protection, personal hygiene, etc.
- 4. All persons are to follow current state mandates and guidelines for social distancing, hygiene, and group size limits.
- 5. Employers are to conduct regular touch-point sanitization of any shared facilities.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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

This ordinance was amended on June 11, 2020 by Emergency Ordinance 20-09