

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AND THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF KOTZEBUE REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The City of Kotzebue and the Native Village of Kotzebue are proactively working to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for the safety and wellbeing of our community and all residents. To that end, the City Manager of the City of Kotzebue with approval of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue will issue Emergency Order EO-01, a draft copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," after review by the City Council on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at a SCCM at Noon on that date.

As responsible community members, please encourage all family members, coworkers, and friends to observe and obey the following guidelines in this effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19 being spread in the community of Kotzebue and Northwest Alaska:

- All non-essential travel should be suspended into and out of Kotzebue for at least the next three (3) weeks until Thursday, April 16, 2020. This will be reviewed by community leadership and is subject to change.
 - Travel will be permitted for medical conditions and must be pre-approved by the health authorities (for example, MHC/ANMC/ANTHC).
 - Upon return to Kotzebue self-quarantine for a minimum of fourteen (14) days. If COVID-19 symptoms occur please contact the Maniilaq Health Center. **The MHC COVID-19 Hotline number is 833-442-7015.** Self-quarantine will also include all household members at that point.
 - If you choose to leave for non-emergency reasons, you will need to self-quarantine upon return for two (2) weeks. Proof of COVID-19 pre-screening documents by the airlines will be required upon return.
 - No inter-community travel should be attempted. Respect the health of our surrounding villages and residents of Northwest Alaska. Anyone found not observing this guidance will be quarantined for fourteen (14) days.
 - Residents and family members traveling in and out of Kotzebue must self-quarantine themselves to assure the community that they are not infected with COVID-19.
 - All large events and gatherings of ten (10) people or more are banned. See, Northwest Arctic Borough EO-01, March 19, 2020; State of Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandate 9.1, March 23, 2020; and Maniilaq Association COVID-19 website at <https://www.maniilaq.org/covid-19/>
- Residents and guests will inform MHC if they show signs of COVID-19.
- Follow all health mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS), and the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC).

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We put our faith and trust in the members of our community to observe these guidelines in order to effectively maintain a safe and healthy environment. Doing so is essential to protect those most at risk to COVID-19 such as Elders, pregnant women, and those with compromised immune systems

This is a community effort and we thank all residents for taking steps to protect the health, safety, and lives of us all here in Kotzebue and Northwest Alaska.

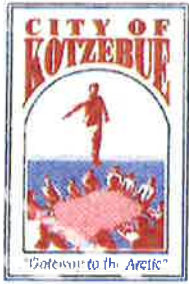
Date this 25th day of March 2020 at Kotzebue, Alaska.


Lew Pagel, City of Kotzebue Mayor

Date this 26th day of March 2020 at Kotzebue, Alaska.


Gia Hanna, Tribal Council Chair

Attachment: Exhibit "A" – City of Kotzebue EO-01, March 25, 2020



**CITY OF KOTZEBUE
EMERGENCY ORDER EO-01
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE ("CITY") PURSUANT TO CITY OF KOTZEBUE RESOLUTION 20-08 AND AS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AT ITS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 AND 25, 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm the health system of the entire State of Alaska. Furthermore, the City has limited health resources and we must take steps to slow and contain the threat; such steps require coordinated community action. This order is put forward to preserve the health and safety of our community.

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ME BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER RESOLUTION 20-08 AND AS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020, TO PRESERVE LIFE IN AND ADJACENT TO THE CITY. THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS HAVE THE POWER OF LAW, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 11:59 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020, AND SHALL SUPERCEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS EMERGENCY.

1. All residents of the City shall hunker down and shelter in place as much as possible, in order to minimize any spread of COVID-19. All non-essential travel to/from the City should be curtailed.
2. Residents should stay home and work from home as much as possible, except to work certain Critical Jobs, listed below; to buy, sell, or deliver groceries or other critical goods; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without coming within 6 feet of others.
3. Residents shall conduct business via telephone, fax or electronic communications as much as possible.
4. On the limited occasions when individuals leave their home, they should maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from any person outside their household whenever possible and practice recommended hygiene.

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5. It is strongly recommended, in accordance with the Center for Disease Control guidance, that certain residents should take even greater precautions: Anyone particularly at-risk from COVID-19 should reduce exposure by staying home, not physically going to work, and not doing their own shopping, if possible. These include any individuals 60 years of age and older, and individuals with a serious underlying medical condition. Members of households with these individuals should also implement these more stringent guidelines.
6. If you are sick or suspect you may have the COVID-19 virus, and have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call the Maniilaq Health Center [833-442-7015] and ask for assistance. Call 911 if it is an emergency.
7. Individuals who have travelled into the City from any other city (both in and outside of Alaska) are mandated to quarantine in their homes for a period of 14-days.
8. Residents shall follow all health mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS), and the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC).
9. Critical Jobs include: (a) Healthcare Operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentist, pharmacies, mental health providers, and other healthcare facilities. To preserve the City's limited resources, all Healthcare Operators should postpone appointments that are not urgent whenever possible, and consider alternatives to face-to-face; (b) Businesses providing any services or performing any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of "Critical Infrastructure," including, but not limited to, the airport, public works construction, water, sewer, electrical, roads and highways, telecommunication systems, waste collection and removal, and shipping companies; (c) First responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel; (d) Critical Government Functions, meaning all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies. Employees should follow the direction of their employer; (e) Grocery stores and any establishments engaged in the retail sale of food or consumer products; (f) Newspapers, radio, and other media services; (g) Gas stations and auto-repair shops; (h) Businesses providing mailing services; (i) Businesses that supply other critical businesses with the support and supplies necessary to operate or that ship or deliver groceries or food to residents; (j) Hotels, residential facilities, and shelters, including home-based care; (k) Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food and beverages, but only under delivery or carry-out provisions.
10. All entertainment facilities within the City shall be closed to the public, including gaming locations and bingo halls, both those owned by the City and those privately owned.
11. All entities should advise their out-of-town contractors and business partners that travel to/from the City is strongly discouraged and should not be done for the next three weeks.
12. Grocery stores should consider deliveries to Elders and establishing special hours for Elders-only to come into the stores.

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13. Effective immediately at 2:00pm Tuesday, March 24, 2020 City Hall is closed to the public. Citizens needing to do business with the City may communicate by phone [907-442-3401], fax [907-442-3424] and/or e-mail [jcongdon@kotzebue.org]. The City Manager shall develop a PSA for KOTZ radio to inform the public of these procedures. Payment of City billings shall be done by phone [907-442-3401], Internet and/or mail [City of Kotzebue, P.O. Box 46, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752-0046].
14. Effective immediately, all direct public access to the Public Works Department is suspended. Citizens needing to contact Public Works shall do so by phone [907-442-5200/5201], fax [907-442-2155] and/or e-mail [djennings@kotzebue.org]. The City Manager and Public Works Director shall develop policies and procedures for Public Works employees regarding remote/at-home working, cleaning/disinfecting of Public Works work areas, leave status, leave requests and work assignments in the event of employee absences.
15. Effective Friday, March 27, 2020, the Package Store, *Arctic Spirits*, is open Noon to 7:00pm Monday through Saturday. Customers will be able to purchase based upon set hours and the first letter of their last names. Orders will be taken in the parking lot from the garage door. Orders will be dispensed from the garage door with a six-foot barrier. Cash and credit cards will be accepted for purchases.
16. Effective immediately, travelers arriving in Kotzebue by air or otherwise shall self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days and monitor for illness following the procedures set out in the State of Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandate 10.1 issued March 23, 2020.
17. Marijuana retail stores may continue to operate, but shall observe social separation distances for customers.
18. The Chief of Police working with the City Manager shall establish procedures for safely getting Kotzebue Police Department employees to Kotzebue who shall remain in Kotzebue through the COVID-19 emergency. Shift rotations may be modified or eliminated as necessary working with the number of Kotzebue Police Department employees available in Kotzebue. The Chief of Police shall establish safe working conditions and safe operational procedures consistent with best practices in dealing with the COVID-19 emergency for Kotzebue Police Department employees.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2020.



Jeff Congdon
City Manager, City of Kotzebue