NEWHALEN TRAVEL BAN

The City of Newhalen and Newhalen Village Council have come together with one goal in mind. Our goal is to reduce the entrance and spread of COVID-19 into the community.

EFFECTIVE: MARCH 24, 2020 AT 11:59 p.m.

There will be no passenger transportation in and out of the village until May 1, 2020. Residents wishing to return home should do so immediately with a mandatory two-week quarantine upon return.

Local agencies will reevaluate the ban within three weeks (April 15, 2020); with no positive cases, we will consider moving to a highly restrictive travel ban.

The following are exceptions to the travel ban:

1. Essential personnel for emergencies (i.e. electricity, water, or sewer repairs) with a travel screen completed the air taxis working closely with the Newhalen City and the Newhalen Tribe.

2. Essential medical travel and freight:
   a. Nilavena Clinic will need to get important medical supplies in and out of Newhalen-Iliamna
   b. Patients will need to travel in and out of Newhalen-Iliamna
   c. Nilavena Clinic medical providers will need to travel in and out of Newhalen-Iliamna; however, all Nilavena Clinic medical providers must go through a two-week quarantine prior to coming to Newhalen-Iliamna per current SCF travel guidelines.

3. Freight, cargo, and mail services are still permitted. (Iliamna Air Taxi, Lake and Pen Air, Lake Clark, Dena‘ina Air, Everts, and Ace)
   a. Only employees of the airlines should load and unload the airplanes.

City of Newhalen and Newhalen Tribal Council asks our community members to please be safe and please follow self-quarantine guidelines and social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

CITY OF NEWHALEN

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NEWHALEN TRIBAL COUNCIL

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NEWHALEN COMMUNITY CORONA VIRUS PREVENTION DIRECTIONS

The City of Newhalem council members met on March 24th, 2020 to discuss the COVID-19 situation and we strongly advise all community members to comply with the following guidance:

Travel:
- All non-essential travel to or from outside the community will be restricted as of today March 24, 2020 (if you must travel you must inform the City of Newhalem).
- Community members returning to Newhalem, must self-quarantine for at least 2 weeks, complying with the State of Alaska DHHS COVID-19 Health Mandate 10.1 and DHHS COVID-19 Health Alert 9.1 and 9.2. Self-quarantine means the returning community member must not go to work and should avoid contact with the public and with the other members in their household while monitoring their temperature daily.
- We advise all entities to notify their contractors/business partners that we strongly advise against travel to Newhalem for the next 3 weeks.

Children:
- Keep activities as consistent and normal as possible even if your normal routine changes.
- Educate them on social distancing (6 feet separation).
- If your children are watching television (news), try to watch with them or make sure you are available to answer questions about what they have heard.
- We encourage no visiting friends or relatives.
- Encourage healthy behaviors: eating well, sleeping well, and playing outside.

Elders:
- We encourage Elders to stay home.
- Have a family member check on Elders daily.
- Make sure Elders have a good supply of food, water, medication.
- There should be no visiting or socializing.

There are things people can do to stay healthy and avoid spreading disease, such as:
- Washing our hands.
- Covering our mouths when we cough.
- Not sharing food or drinks.
- Staying home when we don’t feel well.

We know this is a very trying and stressful situation and we are committed to assist and help the community understand the importance of following the guidelines and procedures. For questions, concerns or suggestion please contact the City of Newhalem (907-571-1226) or Newhalem Tribal Council at (907-571-1410).

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Newhalem Tribal Council