



CITY OF PILOT STATION

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-02

City Declaration of Public Health Emergency

COVID-19 is a foreign virus that can cause fatal and severe pneumonia and organ failure in elders and people with existing health conditions including diabetes, asthma, heart disease and lung disease.

COVID-19 is spread through the air and can be breathed in or picked up from surfaces where the germs have landed.

The only method known to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to not have any contact with an infected person. There is no cure.

People infected with COVID-19 may not become sick for up to 14 days but can still pass the dangerous virus silently to others.

WHEREAS: The **Pilot Station City Council** is the City Governing Body for the **City of Pilot Station**, and;

WHEREAS: The foreign disease novel coronavirus COVID-19 has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization: and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 can be deadly for elders and people with common existing health complications; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is spread through the air from person to person through breathing, coughing, or sneezing and from contact by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States has issued guidance intended to slow the spread of COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **City of Pilot Station** declares a Public Health Emergency to protect our community from the new threat COVID-19. We will follow the guidance of the Center for Disease Control and health professionals in implementing urgent health strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Pilot Station City Council**, the **Mayor** is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance with the **Municipal Code of Ordinance** of the **City of Pilot Station**; **TITLE 2, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 5 “Execute other Powers and Duties specified in Title 29 on the Alaska Statutes or lawfully prescribed by the City Council”**. To promote the peace, safety, health, and general welfare of the members of the Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, To protect our people, our community, and our traditional way of life from this sickness, the following policies and strategies will be formally adopted, effective immediately:

1. All non-essential travel is prohibited. Essential travel, if possible, shall be postponed until the COVID-19 threat is subsided.
2. People who are returning to the community as well as their household members will have a mandatory 14-day quarantine in which they are to have no contact with other people for the protection of our people. The quarantine shall last at least 14 days, even if the person is healthy and shows no symptoms. If the quarantined person does become sick, quarantine shall last for 14 days from the last date they report symptoms, or until medical attention is needed.
3. Elders and people with existing health conditions need to stay at home and limit their contact with others substantially. Maintaining a distance of at least six feet can protect a person from cough or sneeze but the virus can live on surfaces like a table or door handle for days.
4. Out of town visitors are prohibited, to include visitors snow-machining or ATV riding or flying in from all nearby villages or/and flying in from Bethel or Anchorage.
5. As per Governor Dunleavy's "Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order" **Pilot Station** is considered a small community and will be adopting this to ensure our community is protected from COVID-19 but asking that all Out of town workers that may be considered essential workers by the State of Alaska must contact the City prior to travel and obtain approval before traveling. This is all workers excluding Emergency First Responders, Law enforcement, and Office of Children's Services.
6. All persons traveling must get written approval from the **Pilot Station City Council** prior to travel (including those returning from jail and those being discharged from any hospital.)
7. The **Pilot Station City Council** will track all persons arriving in **Pilot Station** to ensure all are quarantined for a total of 14 days, regardless of their purpose of travel.
8. Youth non-family gatherings with 10 or more people (ie: lapgame) are prohibited.

CERTIFICATION

The Declaration was passed by the **Pilot Station City Council**, of which a quorum was present, with a vote 6 yes; and 0 no; and 1 abstaining; 0 absent, 0 excused on this 9TH day of April, 2020.

Vice-Mayor: Barbara M. Heckman
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Secretary: Anita M. Myers
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ATTEST: Ruthie Borromeo
Ruthie Borromeo, City Clerk

