

City of Port Alexander
PO Box 8068, Port Alexander, AK 99836
Resolution 20-04

A Resolution Declaring Travel Restrictions for Port Alexander, Alaska in Response to Covid-19
Pandemic

Whereas, The United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention has identified the Covid-19 Virus is easily transmittable from person to person and can result in serious illness and death and poses a significant public health risk; and

Whereas, On March 11, 2020 the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020 the United States declared a national emergency in response to the Virus pandemic; and

Whereas, on April 16, 2020 the Port Alexander City Council approved the Public Notices posted on March 13 and March 23, 2020 addressing steps to be taken to protect our community members from Covid-19; and State of Alaska Mandate 18 allows small communities to enact local travel restrictions;

Whereas, State of Alaska Mandate 10 allows travel into small communities off the road and marine highway stem, but subject to local travel restrictions;

Whereas, Port Alexander is a small remote community off the road or marine highway system and has no local medical or testing facilities;

Whereas, on May 4, 2020 the City of Port Alexander issued Resolution 20-03, a declaration of emergency;

Whereas, Port Alexander is a community with a high percentage of residents who are considered high risk with respect to COVID-19 per information and research made public by the United States Center for Disease Control, and other similar health agencies and organizations;

Whereas, this Resolution 20-04 is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances to protect the public, health, welfare and safety in Port Alexander;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ALEXANDER:

Section 1. The City of Port Alexander continues to mandate additional travel restrictions to all interstate travelers and intrastate travelers. Travel for non-essential purposes is strongly discouraged. Travel to and from Port Alexander is permitted for critical personal needs and for the following persons:

Essential workers

Critical Infrastructure workers

Law Enforcement
Public Health workers

These workers are not subject to self-isolation. They must adhere to all health precautions as outlined by the State.

Limited travel into the City of Port Alexander is allowed for local air service, lodges and fish charter businesses only with the following restrictions:

A. Air service must follow all FAA, State and City of Port Alexander mandates and practice measures to avoid physical contact. Air services shall inquire if passengers are aware of and meet City travel restrictions, and will rely on passenger assurance as to their eligibility to travel. Air service bears no responsibility to verify passenger claims.

B. Lodges and fish charter businesses bringing into Port Alexander in-state or out-of-state clients must adhere to the following:

- a. All out-of-state travelers must have documentation that they have complied with all covid testing requirements issued by the State of Alaska before traveling to Port Alexander.
- b. All travel to lodge will be timely and taking precautions not to come in contact with others in the community, maintaining a minimum of six feet social distancing. Flight times and dates will be posted at the dock board and phone booth. All fishing trips will depart between 7:15-7:45 am and return at 3:00-4:00 each evening. Charter vessels will dock in a designated area.
- c. All guests, customers, and employees must carry and wear when appropriate, a cloth face covering, avoid contact with the public, and maintain a minimum six-foot distance from the public when off lodge property, avoiding public places and social gatherings.
- d. Employees who need to leave the lodge for cleaning, gathering of supplies, fueling boats and other critical tasks will wear cloth face coverings and not make contact with anyone except for critical needs.
- e. These restrictions are intended to protect our community members from any interaction and any possible exposure to Covid-19.

C. All travelers coming into Port Alexander and any persons residing in the same dwelling, or anyone who comes into intimate contact with the traveler must self-isolate for 14 days, regardless of the traveler's mode of transportation into Port Alexander. If these restrictions are not complied with the penalties established by the State of Alaska for non-compliance will apply.

Section 2. Port Alexander defines self-isolation as: Remaining on one's property and only leaving to accomplish necessary tasks and for brief walks on boardwalks. Recreating on surrounding unpopulated State and Federal land is encouraged. If you encounter someone, maintaining a physical distance of 6 or more feet is required. Do not stop and interact.

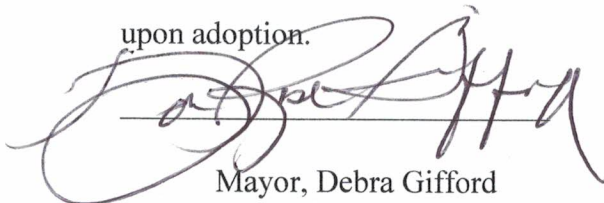
Section 3. All residents are encouraged to practice Physical Distancing. "Physical Distancing Requirements" includes maintaining at least a six-foot distance from other individuals, washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

Section 4. The City Council will have discretion to immediately change restrictions, including making these requirements stricter in the best interests of the community. If there is a Covid-19 case in Port Alexander the Council may impose shelter in place restrictions on all persons in Port Alexander and may restrict all travel into Port Alexander.

Anyone who knowingly disregards this resolution or in blatant violation can be reported to the State and the City would ask for assistance from the State to attain enforcement.

Section 5. Effective Date and Duration. This resolution shall be effective June 17, 2020 and will remain in effect until October 6, 2020 or rescinded.

Passed and Approved by the Port Alexander City Council this 17th day of June, 2020 effective upon adoption.



Mayor, Debra Gifford



City Clerk, Molly Kimzey