

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS
RESOLUTION CY20-24**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS TO CONTINUE COVID-19 PREVENTION EFFORTS FOR KEEPING VIRUS OUT

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm our health care system and endangers the lives and the wellbeing of the citizens and economy of Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gustavus have made valiant efforts in taking personal prevention actions, which have kept the COVID-19 cases low in Gustavus and have prevented spread within Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, citizens' personal and business prevention actions and the City's mitigation efforts enabled a limited 2020 summer business season and the opening of the Gustavus School for the 2020-21 school year for in-class sessions; and

WHEREAS, these efforts notwithstanding, new cases of COVID-19 Statewide and related fatalities have risen sharply in recent weeks, placing the entire State of Alaska into a High-Risk category; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2020 Governor Dunleavy announced a 30-day Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency ("disaster declaration") in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The declaration went into effect on 12:01 a.m. on November 16, 2020 and will expire on 11:59 p.m. on December 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2020 the Gustavus City Council passed Resolution CY20-23 declaring a second local emergency in response to COVID-19 and a request for State and Federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2020, Governor Dunleavy posted new State Health Orders affecting intrastate travel, interstate and international travel, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, for the Gustavus School to remain open and for Gustavus to enable a successful 2021 summer businesses season, all citizens of Gustavus and visitors will need to continue to comply with applicable state health orders and take all possible personal prevention actions provided by state health officials to contain the virus and prevent spread into our community; and

WHEREAS, the first line of defense against virus spread into Gustavus is to prevent it from arriving in travelers; and

WHEREAS, it must be acknowledged that travel out of and/or into Gustavus is sometimes a clear necessity, i.e. essential, such as for medical attention, childcare provisions, employment, or critical infrastructure attention; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's emergency declaration and health orders provide for the City of Gustavus, with its limited health care facilities and staffing, to enact more stringent mitigating measures if existing measures and community voluntary efforts fail to prevent spread into the Gustavus community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The City of Gustavus hereby strongly encourages Gustavus residents to redouble their voluntary efforts as follows:

Section 1. All Gustavus residents should curtail *non-essential* travel out of Gustavus and back in while this resolution is in effect. Travel by non-residents for *non-essential* purposes into Gustavus is discouraged during this time.

Section 2. Wherever possible, residents should purchase goods and services locally or remotely for delivery to them in Gustavus rather than travelling outside to shop.

Section 3. All persons traveling to and from Gustavus should utilize the COVID-19 Point of Entry testing available at the Juneau Airport and the Gustavus Fire Department, when traveling either out of, or within, the State of Alaska.

Section 4. All persons travelling into Gustavus after traveling (both in-state and out-of-state) should self-quarantine upon arrival in Gustavus until the result of their first test is received. Self-quarantining means staying at home by yourself and not mixing with others until your negative test on returning indicates you likely haven't been exposed to the virus while outside of Gustavus.

Section 5. All persons travelling into Gustavus should take a second test (5-7 days after the first test) and continue strict social distancing until the result of their second test is received. Strict social distancing does not mean quarantine, but the need to take more precautions than the usual COVID safety advice until you are confident you cannot expose others to COVID-19.

Section 6. All persons, regardless of whether they have travelled, should wear masks or cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth when they are indoors in public settings or communal spaces outside the home, or outdoors where social distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained.

Section 7. All persons should avoid large gatherings, reduce interactions with non-household members especially indoors, keep six feet distance from anyone not in your household, and wash hands frequently. All persons that have COVID-19, cold-like or flu-like symptoms must isolate, contact a health care provider, and get tested as soon as possible in accordance with State Health directives.

Section 8. Businesses should accommodate and encourage reduced interactions through curbside pickup or delivery services.

Section 9. All critical infrastructure travelers should comply with the requirements of the Governor's Health Order 5 *Critical Infrastructure* as if Gustavus were not on the Alaska road system or Marine Highway and provide a letter with instructions to the City of Gustavus and the Point of Entry Airport Screeners with the following:

- a. Confirm that the travelers are following the employer's Community Workforce Protective Plan on file with the State, including testing and/or self-quarantine provisions.
- b. Explain how employees will travel to their job site in accordance with the employer's Community Workforce Protective Plan.
- c. Confirm that the employees will be following all the State mandates and orders, and Gustavus local resolutions.

Section 10. Since this is a resolution, without the effect of law, the City intends not to take enforcement action. Rather, citizens are respectfully requested to comply with this resolution for the health of themselves, their families, and their community. Additionally, failure to comply with this resolution does not create grounds for harassing another person who does not comply with this resolution. Please respect and support everyone in Gustavus.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. A public services announcement shall be widely distributed providing public notice of the encouragements in this resolution. This resolution shall remain in effect until COVID-19 is no longer declared a state or federal emergency, or until modified or terminated by the Gustavus City Council.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 7 day of December 2020, and effective upon adoption.



Brittney Cannamore, Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk