



City of Kotzebue

COVID-19 Policy Group Meeting

Summary 01/14/21

The COVID-19 Policy Group for the City of Kotzebue met on 01/14/21 to discuss the COVID-19 related issues. A summary of the results of the topics discussed was as follows:

Regulation #3 Travel – A discussion was held to see if we would amend our 7-day travel quarantine to include traveler’s who had been fully vaccinated. It was discussed that we amend Regulation # 3 so that vaccinated travelers would still be required to test on day one and day seven but would not be required to quarantine while awaiting results. The Policy Group, however, ultimately reached a consensus that our travel policy and the related 7-day quarantine will remain the same for the time being.

Regulation #1 Public Gatherings - A mandate for 10 or less people in a public gathering was discussed but was not adopted. Instead, it was decided that the language on our current regulation to “avoid gatherings of 10 or more where social distancing is not possible” needed to be clarified to include all gatherings emphasizing holidays which are related to our most recent spike in COVID-19 cases. City Attorney Joe Evans is re-drafting the regulation to reflect this and will send it to the group to review and approve before officially amending the wording in this Regulation #1.

Regulation #4 Special Events – The upcoming Iron Dog in February and the Kobuk 440 in April were discussed. Their respective COVID-19 mitigation plans were reviewed. Follow up questions were asked of the City Manager who will research and report back to the Policy Group.