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Resolution 20-31

TRIBAL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is a foreign virus that can cause fatal and severe pneumonia and organ failure in elders and people with underlying medical 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 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, after they are in contact but can pass the dangerous virus silently to others.

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Tununak is the Tribal Governing Body for the Native Village Tununak; 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 Organizations; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can be deadly for elders and people with existing underlying medical conditions, and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spread through the air from person to person by breathing, coughing, 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; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Native Village of Tununak declares a Public Emergency to protect our community from the new threat COVID-19. We will follow the health strategies. 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 business and non-essential travel for non-community members coming into Tununak is suspended, until further notice. This includes inter-village travel but will permit pass through travel.

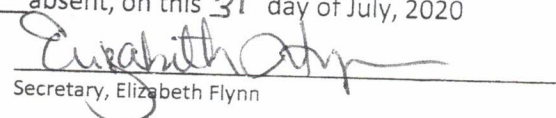
- Medical and other essential travel into Tununak will be permitted as the need for medical or other outside assistance arises. Those permitted into the community, for the fore-mentioned purposes, will follow strict precautionary procedures.
 - Practice Social distancing
 - Wash hands often
 - 14-day isolation, as needed
 - Use a mask in public areas
- Mail, goods and supplies will not be interrupted unless, or until, there is a threat to the well-being and health and safety of the community.
- 2.) **ALL** people entering Tununak will require a mandatory health questionnaire screening and prior written authorization from the Native Village of Tununak to enter the community. Medivac team, Troopers, and local subsistence hunters and gatherers do not require the health questionnaire screening and the prior written authorization from the Native Village of Tununak. Stay home and away from other community members and public places for up to 14 days per Center of Disease Control and World Health Organization procedures:
<http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

- a. Wash hands often, and disinfect commonly touched surfaces regularly.
- b. Call the clinic if symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, or chest pain arise at 652-6012 and follow their guidance. DO NOT go to the clinic.

- 3.) Travel is permitted for medical reasons for the community members but are urged to take precautionary measures during travel and follow the 14 day isolation and other precautionary recommendations upon returning to the community. More information can be found on the YKHC website:
<http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19>
- 4.) The Native Village of Tununak IRA Council is open to the public, but our door always remains locked to take precautionary measures for our workplace and employees. Please do not come to the office if you are sick.
- 5.) We have opened up the MPR for gaming activities. Bingo and pull-tabs are open to the public, with precautionary measures. We ask everyone to wear a mask, and sectioned out the tables for families to sit together. DO NOT go to activities if you are sick.
- 6.) Anyone that feels sick (fever, cough, or sorethroat) should stay home and self-isolate as mentioned above to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
 - a. call the clinic for an appointment if you or a family member is sick.
 - b. for questions about COVID-19 testing, please call: 543-6949

This Emergency Declaration was passed by the Native Village of Tununak IRA Council, of which a quorum was present, with a vote of 3 yes and 0 no; and 1 absent, on this 31st day of July, 2020


 President, Theodore Angalak


 Secretary, Elizabeth Flynn