

Proposed by:	Manager Ryan
Attorney Review:	01/12/2021
HEW Committee:	01/13/2021
Vote:	6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 21-04R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-44R TO PROVIDE COVID-19 TESTING OR STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING EXEMPTIONS FOR CRITICAL BUSINESSES.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus (virus), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the virus a pandemic; 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, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Municipality of Skagway declared an emergency based on the risk to the public posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic and substantial economic impacts to the Municipality of Skagway, which was confirmed by the Assembly on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases continues rise in Southeast Alaska, and particularly in areas easily accessible to Skagway such as the City and Borough of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Alaska requested all Alaskans to limit travel and social gatherings due to the continued increased in COVID-19 cases in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway believes a COVID-19 testing mandate is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances to protect the public, health, welfare, and safety in the Municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway that Resolution No. 20-44R mandating that travelers arriving in Skagway test for COVID-19 or practice strict social distancing is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Applicability. This mandate applies to all traveling residents and other travelers (“travelers”) arriving in the Municipality of Skagway Borough from a community with one or more active cases of COVID-19, unless exempted under Section 5.

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Section 2. For visits of 72 hours or less. If the traveler is arriving in Skagway after visiting a community with one or more active cases of COVID-19 for 72 hours or less than 72 hours:

- Required testing for SARS-CoV-2 using a molecular test seven (7) days after returning to Skagway.
- Follow strict social distancing until negative test results are received.
- If the resident or traveler does not get a molecular test for SARS-CoV-2 after they arrive in Skagway, they must follow strict social distancing for 14 days.

Section 3. For visits of 72 hours or more. If the traveler is in a community with one or more active cases of COVID-19 for greater than 72 hours:

- Required testing for SARS-CoV-2 using a molecular test within 72 hours prior to travel arriving in Skagway, and a second molecular test seven (7) days after arrival in Skagway.
- If traveler cannot get tested prior to arrival in Skagway, they should get a SARS-CoV-2 test within 48 hours of their arrival in Skagway.
- Follow strict social distancing until negative test results are received seven (7) days after arrival in Skagway.
- If the traveler does not get a molecular test for SARS-CoV-2 after they arrive in Skagway, they must follow strict social distancing for 14 days.

Section 4. Definition. For the purposes of this resolution, “strict social distancing” means:

- You may be in an outdoor public place, but you must remain six (6) feet away from anyone who is not in your immediate household, and you must wear a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth. You may arrange curbside shopping or have food delivery.
- You cannot enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community centers, sporting facilities, office buildings, and school or daycare facilities when they are open to the public. Do not participate in any group activities, including sporting events and practices, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings.

Section 5. Critical Business or Entity Exemption. People who are engaged with critical business shall request an exemption from Skagway’s COVID-19 testing and strict social distancing requirements, as detailed in this resolution, from the borough manager or acting manager prior to bringing exempt workers to Skagway. All workers are still required to comply with all Federal and State health mandates and orders. Critical business or entities are the following:

- a. Transportation and logistics;**
- b. Government functions;**
- c. Alaska Power & Telephone Co.**

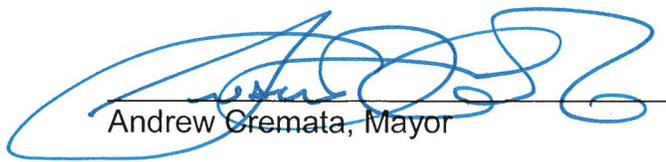
Section 56. Effective Date and Duration. This resolution shall be effective immediately and remain in place for the duration of the local emergency declaration.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 21st day of January, 2021.


Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

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