



## CITY OF UNALAKLEET

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### CITY OF UNALAKLEET EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-01

TRAVEL BAN - Updated June 4, 2020

Issued Pursuant to Resolution 2020-02

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has identified the COVID-19 virus as a new strain of Corona-Virus not previously identified in humans, causing respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the announcement and conducted an Emergency Meeting of the City Council and Local Agencies to take precautionary measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recommended all persons at higher risk for Covid-19 complications avoid all nonessential air travel; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 the United States State Department issued a Level 4 Travel Advisor "DO NOT TRAVEL" advising all United States citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of Covid-19

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the City Council passed resolution 2020-02 to follow travel and quarantine mandates set by the Governor of the State of Alaska, the ("CDC") and the Unalakleet Tri-Org consisting of the City of Unalakleet, the Unalakleet Native Corporation and Native Village of Unalakleet elected officials; and

WHEREAS, with the intent of providing for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of Unalakleet, the Native Village of Unalakleet, the Unalakleet Native Corporation, and the City of Unalakleet hereby issue this joint statement regarding mandatory rules aimed at preventing the introduction or spread of COVID-19 within our community; and

WHEREAS, **quarantine** is a restriction on the movement of people and goods which is intended to prevent the spread of disease or pests. It is often used in connection to disease and illness, preventing the movement of those who may have been exposed to a communicable disease, but do not have a confirmed medical diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, **isolation** represents one of several measures that can be taken to implement infection control: the prevention of contagious diseases from being spread from a patient to other patients, health care workers, and visitors, or from outsiders to a particular patient; and

WHEREAS, **Social distancing**, or **physical distancing**, is a set of infection control actions intended to stop or slow down the spread of a contagious disease. The objective of social distancing is to reduce the probability of contact between persons carrying an infection, and others who are not infected, so as to minimize disease transmission, morbidity and ultimately mortality; and

**WHEREAS, EFFECTIVE: MARCH 25, 2020 AT 11:59PM; and**

WHEREAS, there will be no airline passengers allowed within Unalakleet City Limits until May 1, 2020. Residents wishing to return home should do so immediately before the effective date and time with a mandatory 14-day quarantine upon return. All household members of traveler must quarantine as well; and

WHEREAS, residents need to understand that Unalakleet will not allow travelers back into the community while this ban is effective. The Tri-Org will reevaluate the ban in three (3) weeks on April 15, 2020; with no positive cases, we will consider moving to "highly restrictive" travel requirements; and

WHEREAS, passengers who are flying through Unalakleet to the surrounding villages are required to remain within the airport boundaries and are not allowed to step into city limits. This will be enforced by the Local Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Fines have been passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Unalakleet per Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 which go in to effect immediately

Warning	\$0.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	\$250.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	\$500.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	\$1,000.00

Further Penalties from State of Alaska Mandate - Due to the imminent danger to the public by the spread of Corona Virus, if you violate the self-quarantine regulations set forth in the mandate, you may also be convicted of a class A misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both pursuant to Alaska Statute 12.55.035 and Alaska Statute 12.55.135; and

WHEREAS, Inter-village travel by air, snowmachine, ATV, dog sled, etc. is not permitted. If you are hunting near the village and have an emergency, please contact the Unalakleet Police Department at 624-3008; and

WHEREAS, The following are exceptions to the travel ban:

1. **Essential personnel** for emergencies (i.e. electricity, water/sewer repairs; police officers/Law enforcement; pilots; Office of Children's Services) with a screening by a travel committee consisting of Native Village of Unalakleet, City of Unalakleet, and Unalakleet Native Corporation elected members or healthcare provider.
  - a. These essential personnel must minimize their social contact outside of their job duties.
  - b. Troopers, police, and Office of Children's Services workers will adhere to their agency's safety guidelines for entering our community.

2. **Essential medical travel and freight:**
  - a. Norton Sound Health Corporation will need to get important medical supplies in and out of Unalakleet,
  - b. Patients will need to travel in and out of Unalakleet,
  - c. Norton Sound Health Corporation medical providers will need to travel in and out of Unalakleet; however, all Norton Sound Health Corporation medical providers must go through a 14-day quarantine prior to coming to Unalakleet; and

WHEREAS, Freight, cargo, and mail services are still permitted; and

WHEREAS, flight crews are asked to stay in aircraft if possible, however, they may conduct any necessary business required by their job or use the bathroom if needed; and

WHEREAS, travel to Unalakleet must go through a screening by the elected Travel Committee; and


WHEREAS, there will be one (1) point of contact for the Travel Committee to take information pertaining to travel, with a contact phone number of (907) 310-1713; and

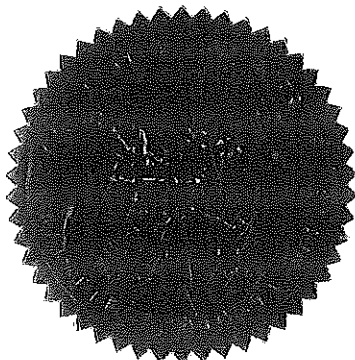
WHEREAS, The Unalakleet Tri-Org wishes to express its appreciation to all members of the community and all those non-residents and ask for your full support and cooperation as we move forward together. We understand that we cannot fully control the situation or anticipate all of the unique situations and circumstances that may arise. However, we have moved in good faith to put protections in place to protect our community members to the greatest extent possible; and


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNALAKLEET, ALASKA:**  
Because the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City of Unalakleet to be prepared and take all necessary precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency related to Covid-19.

FURTHERMORE, the City Council will be following any actions and mandates deemed necessary by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Alaska and any other recommendations and orders from the "TRI-ORG" consisting of the elected officials from each of our partnering organizations Native Village of Unalakleet, Unalakleet Native Corporation and the City of Unalakleet.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Unalakleet, Alaska this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
Davida Hanson, Mayor



  
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Kelly Otton, City Clerk

June 9, 2020

Approved by City Council by Quorum

See Attached