



Northwest Arctic Borough

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****EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021****

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
PROCLAMATION OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ORDER
ORDER EO-06
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH PURSUANT TO NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH CODE 12.16.060.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Delta Variant has created a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm our health system, endangering the lives and wellbeing of our residents. We can take steps to slow and contain the threat, but those steps require coordinated community action. It is up to each and every Borough resident to follow this order, village mandates, State Health Advisories, and CDC guidance to keep our region safe. Violating these requirements will endanger lives. This order is put forward to preserve the health and safety of our region while ensuring that vital goods and services continue to be available.

I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY ORDER SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 10:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND SHALL SUPERSEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS, EXCEPT THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE'S, DURING THIS EMERGENCY UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW OR CHARTER. THE BOROUGH'S AREAWIDE JURISDICTION FOR EMERGENCY MANDATES DOES NOT INCLUDE KOTZEBUE (NABC 1.08.010(B)(6)). RESIDENTS MUST FOLLOW THE CITY'S CURRENT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR KOTZEBUE.

1. COVID-19 Precautions. Everyone currently in the Northwest Arctic Borough must limit activities that lead to possible exposure or the spread of COVID-19.
2. Face Masks. All individuals should wear masks or cloth face coverings over their noses and mouths when indoors in public settings.
3. Travel. Residents should limit non-critical/non-essential travel within the Borough, especially non-vaccinated individuals.
4. Entering Travelers. **All travelers—vaccinated and non-vaccinated—**entering the Borough through Kotzebue must comply with City of Kotzebue Emergency Regulations addressing travel into the Borough/Maniilaq Service Area, quarantine, testing, and travel questionnaires: <https://www.cityofkotzebue.com/>

Testing. All travelers entering the Borough must comply with local travel restrictions, including the City of Kotzebue's-mandated testing at the Kotzebue Airport in coordination with Maniilaq. Travelers must submit to a test and self-quarantine until the results are received. Travelers refusing to test must self-quarantine for 14 days and exhibit no COVID-19 symptoms.

If awaiting test results, travelers must self-isolate or self-quarantine to limit potential exposure. Travelers testing positive for COVID-19 must follow quarantine instructions from Public Health Nurses. This requirement will be mandated and enforced as resources are available. Failure to comply with this mandate may result in prosecution for reckless endangerment (AS 11.41.250), which could result in imprisonment for up to one year and a fine up to \$25,000.

5. **Avoid Large Gatherings.** Individuals should continue to avoid crowds and out-of-household socializing. With the exception of organizations such as businesses or learning institutions that are not already subject to an approved plan, other indoor events and social gatherings within the Borough should limit number of people attending the event or gathering to no more than 50% of the building capacity. The organization holding the event or gathering should submit and receive an approved mitigation plan from the Borough and local city government where the gathering is occurring.
6. **At-Risk Individuals.** It is strongly recommended, in accordance with CDC guidance, that certain individuals within the Borough should take even greater precaution. That includes people particularly at risk of complications from COVID-19 such as people 60 years and older, and individuals of any age with a serious underlying condition.
7. **Potential Exposure.** Household members who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 and who are possibly contagious should be tested immediately and follow recommended quarantine measures to prevent a community outbreak.
8. **Business and Services.** Businesses and entities should comply with social distancing guidelines, require cloth face coverings or masks, and frequent sanitization of facilities. Businesses and entities in the Borough should submit and receive approval for a mitigation plan from the local city government where the business or entity's facility is located.
9. **Self-Responsibility.** The continuing health and safety of our region depends on self-responsibility and adherence to this emergency order, State and local mandates, and CDC guidance. Please take responsibility for yourself, your family and friends, and your community to get vaccinated and help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Community spread from social gatherings and close contact with family and friends has directly led to a COVID-19 surge in our region. PLEASE SOCIAL DISTANCE, AVOID CROWDS, AND FOLLOW RECOMMENDED HYGIENE PRACTICES.
10. **Stopping Community Spread.** There is still a significant threat of community spread of COVID-19 within the Borough. The Delta Variant is a highly-transmittable variant that increases the risk to all residents. Residents must follow this Emergency Order to help curb the deadly spread of COVID-19 through our communities.
11. **Vaccinations.** COVID-19 vaccinations are the only available measure to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccinations are critical to ensuring the health and safety of our region. The COVID-19

vaccine helps protect you from getting COVID-19. Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. The vaccine works with your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. All qualifying residents over the age of 12 are urged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

DATED this 15th day of October 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dickie Moto', written over a horizontal line.

Dickie Moto, Mayor
Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska

