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****COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT****

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In line with the State of Alaska and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services COVID-19 Health Alert, dated March 20, 2020, from Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer for the State of Alaska, the Northwest Arctic Borough acknowledges the importance of suspending all non-essential travel across the Borough as well as minimizing intrastate, including village to village, travel to avoid introducing new COVID-19 cases into Alaska from out of state, primarily from the lower 48. It is imperative that Alaskans heed these guidelines.

Health Alert 001 – Out of State Travel

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Northwest Arctic Borough is issuing the following strong advisory:

That all Northwest Arctic Borough residents cease non-essential out of state personal, business, and medical travel now. Borough residents currently out of state are encouraged to return home now and Maniilaq Health Center guidelines for social distancing and self-isolation.

We strongly advise that any non-resident and non-essential business travel to the Borough to Alaska be suspended now. We strongly recommend that visitors to the Borough return to their home communities now.

Airlines operating within the Northwest Arctic Borough are mandated to immediately post this recommendation to their customers on their webpages and at the airports in a place that is easily seen.

Airports in the Borough are mandated to prominently post all travel restrictions.

Businesses that depend on village to village and interstate travel should immediately assess their travel needs and only move essential personnel or travel for emergency reasons. Any travelling employee is expected to self-isolate for 14 days after arrival in Alaska.