



Northwest Arctic Borough  
**2020 COVID-19 Response**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Warning Phase

**Incident Situation Report**

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## Northwest Arctic Borough Public Health Emergency Warning Phase

### Incident Overview

#### **Timeline of Significant Events for the Northwest Arctic Borough ONLY,**

##### **See attached State of Alaska Situation Report for State of Alaska Situation Report**

19 Mar 20 – Mayor Nelson announces Emergency Order number EO-01 regarding food and beverage, social distancing, entertainment and mass gatherings within the Northwest Arctic Borough, see attached.

20 Mar 20 – Public and Private School Closure, extending to May 1, 2020.

22 Mar 20 – Mayor Nelson and President/CEO Tim Gilbert issue a COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT advisory, regarding non-essential travel, see attached.

23 Mar 20 – State of Alaska Governor Dunleavy announces Health Mandate which directs “All people arriving in Alaska, whether resident, worker or visitor, are required to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for illness.” Please note that this mandate carries the specific consequences if not followed, see attached.

24 Mar 20 – Mayor Nelson announces Emergency Order EO-02 regarding “hunker down” order, see attached.

27 Mar 20 – State of Alaska Governor Dunleavy announces Social Distancing Requirements in COVID-19 Health Mandate 011, see attached.

27 Mar 20 – State of Alaska Governor Dunleavy announces Intra-State Travel Restrictions in COVID-19 Health Mandate 012, see attached.

01 APR 20 – Mayor Nelson announces Emergency Order EO-03 extending Emergency Order EO-01 and Emergency Order EO-02 until 30 APR 2020.

## Local Jurisdictional Response

### Local Disaster Declarations, Restrictions, Advisories and Public Notices:

**AMBLER:** 24 MAR 20: City of Amber Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19. See attached.

**BUCKLAND:** Social Media post regarding outside travel into Buckland, see attached. Notice from City Of Buckland post for paying for water and sewer and light bills, see attached.

**DEERING:** (need dated copy), City of Deering travel precautions, payment options, inter-village travel, social distancing, self-quarantine, what to do if you have signs or symptoms, see attached.

**KIANA:** 3/21/20: Kiana Traditional Council Emergency Proclamation Declaration, see attached.

**KIVALINA:** 3/23/2020: Kivalina IRA Council, Public Notice for visitors entering into Kivalina, essential travel only, self-quarantine, practicing good hygiene, reducing public gathering size, limiting sharing foods, see attached.

**KOBUK:** 3/18/2020: City of Kobuk notice stating travel suspension for 14 days except for medical travel, limiting access to the City of Kobuk office building, see attached.

**KOTZEBUE:** 3/19/20: Native Village of Kotzebue, Tribal offices will be closed, all services will be provided electronically, Igluit Senior homes are limiting access to the building to residents only, meetings all postponed or cancelled, social distancing, etc, see attached. 3/25/20 City Of Kotzebue Emergency Order EO-01, a "hunker down" order for the City of Kotzebue, see attached.

**NOATAK:** 3/20/20 to 3/31/20: Native Village of Noatak information on travel, returning to Noatak, times for elders to shop at the store, limiting age on shopping at the store, gathering size limitations, see attached.

**NOORVIK:** 3/21/20: City of Noorvik jointly with Noorvik Elders Council and Noorvik Native Community, guidelines posted regarding Maniilaq Clinic information, travel suspension for 3 weeks, self-quarantine upon return from trips out of Noorvik, requesting permission to return back to Noorvik, see attached.

**SELAWIK:** 3/19/20 Public Notice from joint Native Village of Selawik and City of Selawik, travel advisory to be restricted to only medical needs, inter-village travel restricted, City and Tribe office remain open but call in first to make appointments, fuel project guidelines, limiting visitors to homes especially with elders, see attached.




**SHUNGNAK:** 3/18/20: Native Village of Shungnak, building closed to the public but staff are present, call in to the Tribal office for assistance, all council meetings are postponed until further notice,

**RED DOG MINE/TECK:** 3/23/20: Travel Measures from Red Dog/ Teck: suspended all travel in and out of Red Dog temporarily, all outbound travel will be through Anchorage, Beacon will continue screening employees, see attached.

**ALASKA STATE TROOPERS:** 3/19/20: Alaska State Troopers announce limited travel to the villages due to COVID-19, see attached.

**CHURCH GROUPS IN THE REGION:** Friends Church Announcement regarding cancellation of Yearly Meeting, see attached.

## Status of Northwest Arctic Borough Incident Response:

	<b>Safety and Security</b>	
	 Gov't Services	<p><b>School Closures:</b></p> <p>The Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD) follows the State mandate that dictates all scheduled school days through May 1st, 2020 will be non-student contact days in which students will not be attending school. Schools are working to deploy distance learning beginning March 23, 2020.</p>
	 Community Safety	<p><b>Protective Measures taken by Northwest Arctic Borough Mayor Lucy Nelson:</b></p> <p>Mayor Nelson announced Emergency Order (EO-01) on March 19, 2020 regarding additional public health protections in response to COVID-19, instituting social distancing measures. Mayor Nelson also limited the number of people attending events to no more than ten people.</p> <p>Mayor Nelson along with President/CEO Tim Gilbert of Maniilaq announced "COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT" on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020, regarding suspending all non-essential travel within the Northwest Arctic Borough.</p> <p>Mayor Nelson announced Emergency Order (EO-02) on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2020, regarding a "Hunker Down" order in effect from 5pm on March 24 to 11:59 on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.</p> <p>Mayor Nelson announced Emergency Order (EO-03) on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, extending the time for previous orders EO-01 and EO-02 until April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.</p>



## In Village Support and Food Service



### In-Village Support

The Northwest Arctic Borough, Office of Emergency Management is sourcing cleaning supplies to the villages as they become available, this is still ongoing.

Mayor Lucy Nelson also has Attorney Matt Meade working with local city governments on disaster declarations.



Food

### Food and Restaurant Orders:

- Due to school closures, the school lunch program transitioned to alternative delivery. The Northwest Arctic Borough School District is developing alternative means of providing school meals to children.
- Mayor Nelson signed (March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020) and put into effect, Emergency Order EO-01, regarding food and beverage stands.



## Health and Medical



Public  
Health

### Statewide Positive Case Count total:

**14 newly confirmed cases** since, 3/30/20.

**133 cumulative cases** since January 1, 2020

**March 12, 2020** the first case was announced

**March 31, 2020** most recent update



Maniilaq  
Health  
Center



### Maniilaq Health Center Guidelines and Orders:

Maniilaq Health Center took the following steps to reduce exposure to their staff and patients within the hospitals and clinics:

**As of: 4/1/2020 there are 0 (ZERO) positive cases within the Maniilaq Service Area.**

14 MAR 20: COVID-19 Joint Press Release, see attached.

16 Mar 20: Maniilaq Launches COVID-19 Hotline. Please call :  
**1-833-442-7015** before planning on coming in if you believe you have COVID-19 or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, see attached.

		<p>18 Mar 20: Maniilaq has suspended or limited services at MHC and at the clinics, see attached.</p> <p>18 Mar 20: Maniilaq posted guidelines for patients who need to be seen at MHC, see attached.</p>
	<b>Transportation</b>	
		<p><b>AIR AND GROUND TRAVEL WITHIN THE BOROUGH:</b></p> <p>Currently all air and ground travel has not halted. Although the Northwest Arctic Borough joint with Maniilaq Association has a “COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT” listed above, regarding an advisory of non-essential travel.</p> <p>State of Alaska Governor Dunleavy announced on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, Health Mandate 012 regarding intrastate travel. This mandate will be reevaluated on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, see attached.</p>

## Helpful Links

Northwest Arctic Borough

<https://www.nwabor.org/covid-19-information/>

Northwest Arctic Borough School District

<https://www.nwarctic.org/>

Maniilaq Association

<https://www.maniilaq.org/covid-19/>

NANA Regional Corporation

<https://nana.com/>

### **FREE ONLINE FEMA ICS TRAINING**

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

<http://coronavirus.alaska.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Municipality of Anchorage

<http://www.muni.org/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx>

Port of Alaska

<https://www.portofalaska.com>

Statewide Impact Dashboard

<https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>