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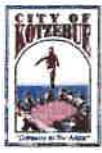
**COVID-19 EMERGENCY REGULATION No. 1*
(Personal Safety Measures)**

In order to contain the spread of COVID-19, residents and visitors to Kotzebue must:

- **avoid large gatherings in public spaces**
- **avoid contact with persons as much as possible**
- **wear face coverings or masks inside any public or private buildings**
- **practice social distancing especially in indoor public spaces**
- **wash hands frequently**
- **avoid all non-critical/non-essential personal travel to and from Kotzebue if not vaccinated**
- **stay home if you are sick or have been in contact with someone who may have the COVID-19 virus**
- **call the Maniilaq Health Center at (833) 442-7015 and ask for assistance if you suspect you have the COVID-19 virus**

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY REGULATION No. 2*
(At-Risk Individuals)

Anyone particularly at risk from COVID-19 should reduce possible exposure by staying home, not physically going to work and not doing their own shopping. This includes any individuals, Elders and individuals with serious underlying medical conditions. Members of households of these individuals must strictly follow the guidelines in Emergency Regulation No. 1.

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**COVID-19 EMERGENCY REGULATION No. 3*
(Testing Requirements)**

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All travelers from outside the NANA Region coming to Kotzebue should have a COVID-19 test 24-hours before arrival in Kotzebue and quarantine upon arrival in Kotzebue until the results are received. Those unable to test within 24-hours before arrival in Kotzebue should proceed to the Maniilaq Health Center (“MHC”) upon arrival at the airport in Kotzebue, complete the Maniilaq provided Questionnaire and submit to a COVID-19 test at the MHC and self-quarantine until the results are received. In the case of a rapid COVID-19 test, if available, the traveler may have to self-quarantine up to six hours while awaiting test results. In the case of a non-rapid COVID-19 test at MHC, the traveler may have to self-quarantine 3 to 10 days while awaiting test results administered at MHC. If the test result is positive, the individual must follow directives from MHC.

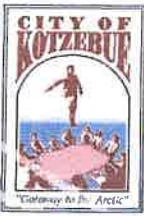
Individuals not testing within 24-hours of arrival in Kotzebue or not testing at MHC immediately after arrival in Kotzebue must self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days and must have no COVID-19 symptoms at the end of that period.

These testing requirements apply to all non-residents visiting or traveling through Kotzebue, all critical/essential infrastructure workers traveling to or through Kotzebue and all residents of the City of Kotzebue.

All travelers transferring in Kotzebue to flights to the outlying Villages in our Region must comply with the Village COVID-19 mandates to which she/he/they are going and/or the carrier requirements for transporting her/him/them to the Village(s) in our Region.

TRAVELERS NOT TESTING OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE AND IGNORE QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS AND WHO ENDANGER OTHERS MAY BE CHARGED WITH RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT PURSUANT TO ALASKA STATUTE 11.41.250 AND UPON CONVICTION IMPRISONED FOR UP TO ONE YEAR AND FINED UP TO \$25,000.

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY REGULATION No. 4*

**(Privately-owned Entities – Special Events – Grocery Stores –
Regional Arrivals)**

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Privately-owned gaming locations, bingo halls, restaurants, sports and recreation facilities, and churches/religious facilities, may remain open if they have submitted a detailed Plan of Operation and received prior approval from the City Manager. Those entities that have not reopened and organizers of special events must submit a detailed Plan of Operation to the City Manager and obtain the City Manager’s approval prior to opening the entity or prior to holding any special event.

Grocery stores should consider establishing home deliveries for Elders and special hours for “Elders Only” shopping. Grocery store employees must wear face masks and other appropriate PPE and customers must wear face masks while in the stores.

Persons arriving from other regional communities, by any means, must comply with City of Kotzebue Emergency Regulation No. 3.

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**COVID-19 EMERGENCY REGULATION No. 5*
(City Facilities)**

The City Rec Center is closed until further notice. City playgrounds are open.

City Hall, Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department are closed to the public until further notice. Citizens needing to do business with the City may contact:

City Hall at 442-3401, Fax at 442-3742 or e-mail the City Manager at: tatkinson@kotzebue.org.

Public Works at 442-5200/5201, Fax at 442-2155 or e-mail the Public Works Director at: djennings@kotzebue.org or the Public Works Administrative Assistant at: lhunnicut@kotzebue.org.

Fire Department at 442-3404, Fax at 442-2104 or e-mail the Fire Chief at: kmarcus@kotzebue.org.

Police Department at 442-3539, 442-3351 [non-emergency dispatch], Fax at 442-3357 or e-mail the Police Chief at rrouse@kotzebue.org.

The Package Store, Arctic Spirits, shall remain open at this time. Orders shall be placed and received as required by personnel at the Package Store. Service may be denied to customers not following the directives by personnel at the Package Store.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY -- DIAL 911.

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY REGULATION No. 6*
(City of Kotzebue Policies for Employees)

City of Kotzebue Employees shall follow all COVID-19 Emergency Regulations as a condition of their employment. In addition, the City Manager may establish additional policies for employees as required.

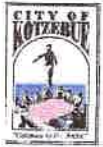
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COVID-19 EMERGENCY REGULATION No. 7*
(General Provisions)

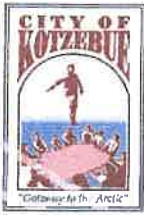
The Iñupiat Iitqusiat define the Iñupiat people. These values include among others: respect for Elders, family roles, respect for others, love for children, cooperation, avoiding conflict and responsibility to the community. These values can serve as guideposts for how the residents of Kotzebue live their lives during this COVID-19 emergency.

Residents of Kotzebue and visitors to Kotzebue who disregard these COVID-19 Emergency Regulations are putting themselves and our Community at risk. To report non-compliance, send an e-mail to: investigations@alaska.gov. The State of Alaska DHSS will treat the Sender's identity as confidential information and protect it to the maximum extent State and Federal Law permit.

TRAVELERS REFUSING MANDATORY TESTING AND SCREENING OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE AND IGNORE QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS AND WHO ENDANGER OTHERS MAY BE CHARGED WITH RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT PURSUANT TO ALASKA STATUTE 11.41.250 AND UPON CONVICTION IMPRISONED FOR UP TO ONE YEAR AND FINED UP TO \$25,000.

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY REGULATION No. 8*

(Emergency Response Mandate for Face Coverings)

Face Mask Mandate for all people:

The highly infectious delta variation of COVID-19 has invaded our city and our region. To protect our families, our Elders and ourselves and reduce the possibility of community spread of COVID-19, it is mandated and required that face coverings be worn by all people over the age of two in the City of Kotzebue:

- Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space;
- Obtaining services from a healthcare facility;
- While riding in a taxi or on a bus;
- Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when:
 - Interacting in-person with any member of the public;
 - Working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;
- Working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
- Working in or walking through public common areas, such as hallways, stairways;
- In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person's own household or residence) are present when unable to physically distance;
- Driving or operating any taxi service or ride-sharing vehicle; and
- While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of six feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible.

Persons not complying with this mandate may be subject to the provisions of ER No. 9.

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY REGULATION NO. 9

(Face Covering Administrative Citations/Fines/Penalties)

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The City of Kotzebue has issued a new revised Face Mask Mandate Emergency Regulation No. 8, effective November 6, 2021. This revised Face Mask Mandate in Emergency Regulation No. 8 is necessary to prevent and contain the spread of the COVID-19 and the Delta variant in the City of Kotzebue and the surrounding NANA Region. Failure to do so would allow the pandemic to continue to spread with a vengeance and overwhelm the Health Care Facilities in Kotzebue and the NANA Region. Therefore, individuals who do not comply with the new, revised Face Mask Mandate in Emergency Regulation No. 8 will be, initially, warned to comply and then issued a citation with the attendant fine for subsequent violations.

The purpose of the new, revised Face Mask Mandate in Emergency Regulation No. 8 is to require the public in limited situations to wear face masks to prevent and contain the spread of the pandemic. However, individuals refusing to comply after an initial warning may be issued a citation with a commensurate fine in order to protect the residents of Kotzebue and the NANA Region.

After an initial warning, the next violation of the Face Mask Mandate in Emergency Regulation No. 8 shall result in a \$100.00 fine. A second violation shall be subject to a \$200.00 fine. A \$300.00 fine shall be assessed for a third violation and each one thereafter.

An individual cited and fined for a violation of the City's Face Mask Mandate in Emergency Regulation No. 8 may file an appeal with the Chief of Police or his designee no later than the 15th day following the date of the citation. Failure to file an appeal within that period of time constitutes a waiver of the right to appeal the citation and amount of the fine and is a waiver of the right to appeal the citation to the City



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Manager or to appeal or otherwise challenge, the citation and fine in any judicial or other proceeding.

The individual appealing has the burden of proof and the Chief of Police shall determine whether or not the individual appealing has shown no violation of the Face Mask Mandate in Emergency Regulation No. 8 by a preponderance of the evidence. The individual cited for violating the Face Mask Mandate in Emergency Regulation No. 8 may also show that the amount of the fine would create an extreme hardship, in which case the Chief of Police may waive payment of part, or all, of the amount of the fine.

An individual who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Chief of Police may file a written appeal with the City Manager or his designee within 10 days of the decision of the Chief of Police or his designee provided, however, that the amount of fine determined to be due by the Chief of Police or his designee must be paid prior to filing an appeal with the City Manager or his designee. If the amount of fine upheld by the Chief of Police or his designee is not paid before the filing of an appeal to the City Manager or his designee, the appeal may be denied by the City Manager or his designee on that basis.

The City Manager or his designee may uphold the decision of the Chief of Police, modify it or reverse it as deemed appropriate. If the decision of the Chief of Police is modified or reversed, the amount of fine paid may be refunded accordingly.

The Chief of Police or his designee and City Manager or his designee are each authorized and empowered to individually administer any oath necessary for the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of the Emergency Regulation and Administrative Procedure.