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**Tribal Declaration of Public Health Emergency
(Revised May 26, 2020)**

COVID-19 is a foreign virus that can cause fatal and severe pneumonia and organ failure in elders and people with existing health conditions including diabetes, asthma, heart disease and lung disease.

COVID-19 is spread through the air and can be breathed in or picked up from surfaces where the germs have landed.

The only method known to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to not have any contact with an infected person. There is no cure.

People infected with COVID-19 may not become sick for up to 14 days, but can still pass the dangerous virus silently to others.

WHEREAS: The Emmonak Tribal Council is the Tribal Governing Body for the Native Village of Emmonak, and;

WHEREAS: The foreign disease novel coronavirus COVID-19 has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization: and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 can be deadly for elders and people with common existing health complications; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is spread through the air from person to person through breathing, coughing, or sneezing and from contact by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States has issued guidance intended to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Native Village of Emmonak declares a Public Health Emergency to protect our community from the new threat COVID-19. We will follow the guidance of the Center for Disease Control and health professionals in implementing urgent health strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emmonak Tribal Council Tribal Administrator is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance with the Constitution of the Emmonak Tribal Council; Article VII POWERS Section 1. (h) To promote the peace, safety, health, and general welfare of the members of the Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, To protect our people, our community, and our traditional way of life from this sickness, the following policies and strategies will be formally adopted, effective immediately:

1. All non-essential travel is prohibited. Essential travel, if possible, shall be postponed until the COVID-19 threat is subsided.
2. People who are returning to the community for any reason (traveling to subsist, work for the summer, returning from jail or a medical appointment) from Bethel or out of Region as well as their household members will have a mandatory 14-day quarantine in which they are to have no contact with other people for the protection of our people. The quarantine shall last at least 14 days, even if the person is healthy and shows no symptoms. If the quarantined person does become sick, quarantine shall last for 14 days from the last date they report symptoms, or until medical attention is needed (See attachment A)
3. Elders and people with existing health conditions are encouraged to stay home and limit their contact with others substantially. Maintaining a distance of at least six feet can protect a person from cough or sneeze but the virus can live on surfaces like a table or door handle for days.
4. Out of town shoppers are allowed to travel into Emmonak with prior approval from their local Tribe and the Emmonak Tribal Council. Shoppers must be screened for symptoms and asked if they or any of their household members have travelled out of the village. If the out of town shopper or any of their family members exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms or have traveled outside of their village, they are prohibited to travel to Emmonak. A maximum of two shoppers per family is allowed in the stores. Using a cloth face cover or mask and social distancing is absolutely mandatory at the stores. (See Attachment B)
5. Out of town patients being seen at the Emmonak Sub-Regional Clinic will call the clinic for an appointment, then request travel from the Emmonak Tribe (See attachment B)
6. Other travel from surrounding communities by boat, to include: visits to involve shared child custody, visiting immediate family members, visiting family members during a time of loss, etc will be reviewed and still need approval by the Emmonak Tribal Council, and may also include various restrictions depending on each individual request. (See Attachment B)
7. Members who wish to travel home to subsist or work in Emmonak for the summer must obtain approval from the Emmonak Tribe and if traveling from Bethel and out of region, individuals and the household they are staying at must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
8. Those who grew up in Emmonak and are moving home are allowed to travel back to Emmonak, but must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
9. As per Governor Dunleavy's "Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order" Emmonak is considered a small community and will be adopting this to ensure our community is protected from COVID-19 but asking that all Out of town workers that may be considered essential workers by the

State of Alaska must contact the Tribe prior to travel and obtain approval before traveling. This is all workers excluding Emergency First Responders, Law enforcement, and Office of Children's Services.

10. The Emmonak Tribal Council will track all persons arriving in Emmonak from Bethel or out of region to ensure all are quarantined for a total of 14 days, regardless of their purpose of travel.

11. Youth (ages 10-17) gatherings with 10 or more people are prohibited. Parents will be held accountable for their child's actions. Social distancing must be practiced.

Children (0-9) gatherings limited to parent supervision to prevent the risk of younger children breaking the social distancing rule.

12. Kids are not allowed in stores under the age of 15.

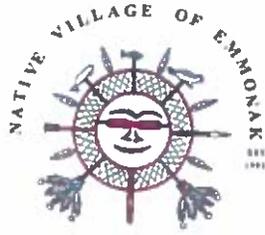
13. Social distancing and the use of cloth face coverings is required for all members in public places.

CERTIFICATION

The Declaration was passed by the Emmonak Tribal Council, of which a quorum was present, with a vote 5 yes; and 0 no; and 0 abstaining; 0 absent, 1 excused on this 26 day of May 2020.

President: 
Roberta G. Charles

Secretary: 
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Attachment A: Travel process for out of town travelers coming into Emmonak via air travel.

1. Individuals traveling to Emmonak on regular scheduled passenger flights from Bethel or any surrounding villages using Grant Aviation:
 - a. Travel request is sent to emktribaltravel@gmail.com to include:
 - i. Traveler(s) name
 - ii. Dates of travel
 - iii. Purpose of travel
 - b. Traveler is screened:
 - i. Have you or your family had any fever, cough, loss of smell or taste or diarrhea?
 - ii. Have you or any member in your household come in direct contact with any known COVID-19 patients in the past 14 days?
 - c. Once traveler has verified there have no symptoms or come in direct contact with any known COVID-19 patients in the past 14 days, an approval is sent to the Bethel Grant Station Manager at jprince@flygrant.com if coming from Bethel. If coming from surrounding villages, approval is sent to the Emmonak Grant Station Manager at rfox@flygrant.com and traveler is cc'd on this email.
 - i. Traveler(s) must:
 1. Practice social distancing, staying at least 6 feet away from other individuals.
 2. Wear a cloth face covering during travel and go directly from the airport to their home upon arrival.
 - d. Traveler is provided a copy of the Emmonak Tribal Council's "Declaration of Public Health Emergency" and "Ordinance 20-01"
 - e. Traveler and household must quarantine for 14 days or are subject to a fine as per Ordinance 20-01.



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Attachment B: Travel process for out of town travelers coming into Emmonak by boat from surrounding communities.

1. Individual(s) traveling to Emmonak by boat to shop for groceries, gas or delivering or picking up freight.
 - a. Individual(s) must submit a travel request to emktribaltravel@gmail.com for screening and approval.
 - i. Traveler(s) name
 - ii. Dates of travel
 - iii. Purpose of travel
 - b. Individual(s) are screened:
 - i. Have you or your family had any fever, cough, loss of smell or taste or diarrhea?
 - ii. Have you or any member in your household come in direct contact with any known COVID-19 patients in the last 14 days?
 - c. Verification is done by contacting Individual(s) local tribe.
 - d. Once individual(s) has verified they have no symptoms or traveled out of their village, they are permitted to travel to Emmonak.
 - i. Traveler(s) must:
 1. Practice social distancing, staying at least 6 feet away from other individuals.
 2. Wear a cloth face covering
 3. Restrict trip to Emmonak to designated request. Visiting is still prohibited, and approval for this needs to be made with the Emmonak Tribe.
2. Other visiting to include, visits that involve shared child custody, visiting immediate family members, visiting family members during a time of loss, etc will be reviewed and still need approval by the Emmonak Tribal Council, and may also include various restrictions depending on each individual request.
 - a. Individual(s) must submit a travel request to emktribaltravel@gmail.com for screening and approval.
 - i. Traveler(s) name
 - ii. Dates of travel

- iii. Purpose of travel
- b. Individual(s) are screened:
 - i. Have you or your family had any fever, cough, loss of smell or taste or diarrhea?
 - ii. Have you or any member in your household come in direct contact with any known COVID-19 patients in the last 14 days?
- c. Verification is done by contacting Individual(s) local tribe.
- d. Once individual(s) has verified they have no symptoms or traveled out of their village, they are permitted to travel to Emmonak.
 - ii. Traveler(s) must:
 - 1. Practice social distancing at the store, staying at least 6 feet away from other individuals.
 - 2. Wear a cloth face covering