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**MANDATE #15**  
**THIS MANDATE REPLACES ALL LOCAL MANDATES 1-14.**

The rise in positive COVID-19 cases continues to put a strain on the health care system throughout Alaska. If not addressed, COVID-19 has the potential to overwhelm all of Alaska's health care system and the health and wellbeing of our community residents. On September 22, 2021 Governor Dunleavy activated a Crisis Standards of Care authorizing hospitals to prioritize treatment and resources for those patients who stand the best chance of benefiting from care. On September 29, 2021, YKHC activated the COVID-19 Clinical Guidelines (Crisis Standards of Care) with a  
**Call to Action for stronger community mitigation measures.**

**To mitigate a community-wide spread and to assist the region, state and nation in stopping the spread of COVID-19, the NVK Tribal Council establishes Mandate #15 authorizing Emergency Lockdown and Stay at Home Orders effective October 1, 2021- until further notice**

1. NVK Tribal Government offices and some services will be closed or offer limited services to minimize the spread of the COVID-19:
  - OPEN AND LIMITED SERVICES: Tribal Police, Clinic, Washeteria and Airport Terminal
  - CLOSED TO PUBLIC: Administration, Accounting, Tribal Services, Programs, Public Works and Gaming
- 2) NVK public gatherings scheduled for October 2021:
  - October 7, 2021 Tribal Council – virtual meeting by teleconference or video conference
  - October 9, 2021 – 2021 Annual Meeting (rescheduled from June 2021 due to COVID) canceled
- 3) NVK Elections on October 5, 2021 will continue as schedule, but observe strict covid safety measures that will be used throughout the voting event; masks and gloves are required, six feet distance at all times with sanitation of public contact areas and items occurring at 15-minute intervals.
- 4) This Emergency Order requires the closure of public school, early learning and after school programs and public church activities to assist the Tribe in mitigating the threat to our community by the COVID-19 illness. Kuinerrarmiut Elitnaurviat must immediately implement remote learning options for all students until further notice.
- 5) Other community business entities that supply goods or services are asked to continue all safety measures according to their limitations and policies and according to CDC COVID-19 guidelines.
- 6) All individuals will honor and follow the safety measures implemented by all organizations.
- 7) Travel In and Out of Community During Lockdown:
  - NVK strongly discourages travel by community residents for the term of this Emergency Order to prevent further contraction or transmission of COVID-19. This is applicable to air, land, boat or other methods of transportation. Travel must be limited to medical necessity only.
  - NVK prohibits entry into Quinhagak by non-residents with the exception of essential workers from other organizations. Essential workers are required to register upon arrival to Quinhagak at the airport terminal.
  - NVK strongly encourages all community residents traveling into Quinhagak immediately before or after the date of this Emergency Order to quarantine for at least 72 hours upon arrival or until a negative COVID-19 test result is obtained within 72 hours of arrival to Quinhagak.



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8) Isolation: Individuals testing positive for COVID-19 will follow CDC isolation guidelines:

- Isolation, rather than quarantine, is recommended if a person tests positive for COVID-19—even if they have been vaccinated and even if they do not feel sick.

9) Quarantine: Any individual exposed (close contact with a person infected for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period) to COVID-19 will follow CDC quarantine guidelines:

- As of September 18, the CDC says that if you are fully vaccinated, you can skip quarantine if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19 and if you're not experiencing symptoms.
- If you experience shortness of breath, fever, or other COVID-19 symptoms—whether you've been vaccinated or not—you should quarantine yourself immediately and seek medical attention and testing. The guidance is the same if you have had COVID-19 within the last 90 days.
- The CDC recommends that you get tested three to five days after exposure, even if you do not have any symptoms. You should also wear a face mask indoors for 14 days or until you get a negative COVID test result
- If you do not get tested for COVID, the CDC says that you need to quarantine for 10 days. You might be able to shorten your quarantine if you get a negative COVID test result.
- If you get a negative test result on day five or later, the CDC says that you only need to quarantine for seven days. However, you should continue to monitor yourself for symptoms and wear a mask when you are indoors for 14 days after you were exposed.


10) All individuals in Quinhagak will follow the recommended guidelines for COVID-19 issued by this Local Emergency Order, the State of Alaska and the United States Government; such as face coverings/masks, social distancing.

11) NVK strongly encourages all people 12 years and older to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

12) During this period, NVK strongly encourages all Quinhagak residents to stay at home, when possible, to prevent a community-wide spread of the COVID-19 and to avoid any activity that could cause injury or life-threatening emergency situations while the State of Alaska has an activated crisis standards of care addendum. NVK encourages that community residents continue to get exercise and engage in outdoor activities while following social distancing and mask protocols. Outdoor activity for children must be monitored during this period to ensure that they are protected by social distancing, masks and are limiting their outdoor activities within the vicinity of their own households.

**The Native Village of Kwinhagak Tribal Council puts the health and safety of its community residents as a priority above all else and desires to put precautions in place to prevent the entry and transmission of COVID-19. Mandate and recommendations in this Order was adopted by the Native Village of Kwinhagak Tribal Council, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2021.**

  
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