



VALDEZ EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION URGING EVERYONE IN VALDEZ TO SHELTER IN PLACE

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez has been tirelessly working to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm the Valdez health system and economy of our community, endangering the lives and wellbeing of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy has implemented several health mandates such as the closure of schools, services, and businesses, that help reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is now imperative that the citizens of Valdez follow strict guidance to hunker down, shelter in place, and stay home, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, due to the exponential spread of the COVID-19 virus in the State of Alaska, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Valdez Unified Command, and our local healthcare providers, the Valdez City Council now proclaim a "Shelter in Place" declaration be enacted for a period of fourteen (14) days, imploring all citizens to act as follows:

1. Everyone in the City of Valdez is urged to stay at home as much as possible, except to work in certain critical jobs, buy, sell or deliver groceries or other important goods; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without contacting others. On the limited occasions when individuals leave home, they should maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household whenever possible. Individuals are also encouraged to practice recommended hygiene, including regular hand washing. Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable, and use COVID-19 risk mitigation practices in their operation.


2. Food supply chains are fully functioning and grocery stores will remain open. Everyone who are healthy and do not believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 may shop at grocery stores, but are asked to do so without lingering. If you go out, practice health directives such as handwashing and social distancing by staying six feet away from others.
3. We urge all citizens to adhere to all posted grocery store item maximum quantities.
4. Stay home and work from home as much as possible, conduct business via telephonic or electronic means.
5. To the extent possible, non-critical businesses are urged to close to the public for a period of 14 days. We encourage businesses to consider shifting to on-line, scheduled in-store pickup and delivery options.
6. Some businesses and entities serve critical roles necessary to combat this public health emergency or provide critical community functions which cannot be put on hold. A list of businesses defined as critical has been defined by the Governor's Health Mandate 10.1 "attachment A".
7. If you are sick or suspect that you may be infected with the COVID-19 virus, you should take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community. If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice.
8. Follow all health mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Approved this 25th of March, 2020.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA


Sharon Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:


Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



Attachment A
Alaska Critical Workforce Infrastructure

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations.

At this time, critical industries and entities in Alaska include:

- a. "Healthcare Operations" including hospitals, clinics, dental emergency services, pharmacies, other healthcare facilities, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, companies and institutions involved in the research and development, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, and supplying of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology therapies, consumer health products, medical devices, diagnostics, equipment, services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. "Healthcare Operations" also includes veterinary care and healthcare services provided to animals. "Healthcare Operations" does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
- b. Businesses providing any services or performing any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of "Essential Infrastructure," including, but not limited to, the Port of Alaska, public works construction, construction of housing, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil production, mining, logging, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services).
- c. Financial services sector, which includes workers who are needed to process and maintain systems for processing financial transactions and services, such as payment, clearing and settlement services, wholesale funding, insurance services, and capital markets activities; to provide consumer access to banking and lending services, including ATMs, movement of currency (e.g. armored cash carriers); support financial operations, such as those staffing data and security operations centers; appraisals and titling; and, key third-party providers who deliver core services.
- d. First responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel are critical.
- e. Individuals providing "Essential Governmental Functions" are critical. "Essential Government Functions" means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- f. Grocery stores, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of food and other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;
- g. Food and agriculture, company cafeterias, cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;

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- h. Businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;**
- i. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;**
- j. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, bicycle-repair, and related facilities;**
- k. Hardware stores;**
- l. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses;**
- m. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;**
- n. Educational institutions facilitating distance learning;**
- o. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;**
- p. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out under the restrictions set forth in COVID-19 Health Mandate 003, issued March 17, 2020;**
- q. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;**
- r. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;**
- s. Businesses that transport goods to grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, engaged in the retail sale of food, household consumer products, delivery of fuel, or other services directly to residences or other critical industries outlined in this health mandate.**
- t. Airlines, railroads, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services;**
- u. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;**
- v. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;**
- w. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally-mandated activities;**
- x. Childcare facilities, subject to new recommendations for increased hygiene and social distancing. Childcare facilities should be used only by those who need childcare to work at a critical job.**