



CITY OF VALDEZ

COVID-19

PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE # 001

To prevent or slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in our community, the City of Valdez is issuing its first health mandate.

All entry into Valdez: If you are entering Valdez by air, or arriving in Valdez from a location within one-hundred (100) road miles of a known community with positively identified COVID-19 infection, within the last 14 days, you must:

1. **Stay home and maintain appropriate social distance from other household members (about 6ft) for 14 days from the date of your last arrival in Valdez.**
2. **Contact your employer and do not go to work or out in public for the entirety of that 14 day period.**

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE EXCEPTION: If you work in an industry classified as “critical infrastructure” by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, in their March 20, 2020 “**COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT**”(attached), it is the expectation that every attempt will be made by you and your employer to comply with this 14 day mandate or that appropriate steps are taken to protect workers and the public from the spread of COVID-19.

In addition to the DHSS list of “critical infrastructure” the City of Valdez includes:

- Businesses providing for operations and maintenance of critical infrastructure
- Healthcare operations
- First responders
- Critical government functions
- Defense and national security-related operations
- Grocery Stores and food cultivation
- Businesses that provide for vulnerable populations
- Media
- Gas stations and auto supply and repair

- Banks and financial institutions
- Hardware stores
- Plumbers, electricians, exterminators
- Mailing and shipping services
- Educational institutions for distance learning
- Laundry service providers
- Restaurants and bars providing for delivery and carry-out
- Businesses that supply products needed for at-home work and critical business supplies
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food and service directly to residents
- Transportation service companies
- Home-based healthcare
- Hotels, residential facilities
- Legal or accounting services
- Childcare facilities-used only by those who need childcare to work at a critical job

The City understands the difficulties this mandate may present, but we are committed to the health and welfare of our community, and to control the spread of the new coronavirus in Valdez.

To those affected by this mandate, you are encouraged to enlist the assistance of family, community support groups, religious organizations, and others to retrieve mail or obtain groceries or necessary goods or materials. Delivery or curbside service may be available through local businesses and organizations or by messaging the Valdez Neighbors Facebook page. Valdez Neighbors can also be reached by calling (907) 255-6277.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. See attached infographic for more information. If you are experiencing symptoms please call ahead to your medical provider, the public health clinic or hospital for guidance and screening. Please let the provider know your travel history over the last 14 days and if you have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19. Telemedicine options are available for patient care at both local physician offices. Those with mild, non-life threatening symptoms should remain at home in isolation to prevent spread of illness to the community. Please follow instructions of your medical provider; they are in place to keep you and our community safe.