



VALDEZ EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION URGING CITIZENS OF 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 social 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. Residents 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 minimum 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