



CITY OF VALDEZ

COVID-19

PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE # 002

To prevent or slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in our community, the City of Valdez is issuing Public Health Mandate #002.

1. All dentists, veterinarians, optometrists, and ophthalmologists in the City of Valdez may use personal protective equipment (PPE) only for urgent or emergency procedures, and must otherwise safeguard and not use personal protective equipment remaining in their stock. These professionals should likewise safeguard any synthetic swabs or ESwabs in their stock.

- The requirement to safeguard and not use personal protective equipment does not apply to items that are not transferable to another medical professional such as prescription eye protection, etc.

2. Other businesses in the city, including construction companies, hair and nail salons, janitorial companies, oil field services, power/energy companies, tattoo parlors, schools and universities must safeguard all personal protective equipment (PPE) in their existing stock, and use PPE only when absolutely necessary to protect an individual's eyes, face, or hands in the performance of an essential function.

- The requirement to safeguard and not use personal protective equipment does not apply to PPE that has no transferable use in the health care context such as hard hats, hearing protection, specialty boots, or welding shields.

3. Upon order from the Mayor, businesses and professionals with personal protective equipment supplies or needed medical equipment including synthetic swabs shall make them available to health care practitioners responding to COVID-19.

4. For purposes of this order, personal protective equipment is cloth and equipment worn to minimize exposure to biohazards (ie., viruses or bacteria that cause human disease), including latex or nitrile exam gloves, N95 masks, surgical masks, medical

gowns, and face shields that protect eyes.

This mandate is effective March 25, 2020 at 10:00 p.m. This mandate shall remain in effect until April 22, 2020, or until rescinded by a vote of the City Council.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Sharon Scheidt, Mayor Pro Temp

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk