

# **City of Valdez**

*212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686*



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Monday, March 23, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

**Special Meeting**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

**REGULAR AGENDA - 5:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. [Approval of City of Valdez COVID-19 Health Mandate #001](#)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Discussion Item: Stay At Home Mandate](#)

V. ORDINANCES

1. [#20-03 - Amending Chapter 9.36 Regarding Emergency Preparedness. Adoption.](#)

VI. REPORTS

1. [ICS Briefing COVID-19](#)

VII. ADJOURNMENT



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-0124, **Version:** 1

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**ITEM TITLE:**

Approval of City of Valdez COVID-19 Health Mandate #1

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor

**FISCAL NOTES:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Section 4 of the COV Declaration of Emergency issued on March 17, 2020, requires the approval of City Council prior to the issuance of any order or mandate (1) related to private property, (2) related to mass quarantine or isolation, or (3) related to rationing of goods and supplies.

To prevent or slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the community this public health mandate will restrict all entry into Valdez by air, or a location within one-hundred (100) road miles of a known community with positively identified COVID-19 infection, within the last 14 days.

The mandate shall not apply to industries classified as critical infrastructure.

**CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE EXCEPTION:** An industry classified as "critical infrastructure" by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, in their March 20, 2020 "\*\*\*COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT. In addition to the DHSS list of "critical infrastructure" the City of Valdez includes the following as critical infrastructure:

- 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



## 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
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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.

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

## Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19

Fever over  
100.4° Fahrenheit



Cough



Shortness  
of Breath



**Call ahead** to your medical provider for guidance if you:

Develop the symptoms listed above **and**

- o Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 **or**
- o Have recently traveled from an area outside Alaska with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

## Local Medical Providers



The Alfa Doc, LLC  
(907) 835-2532  
Monday, Thursday, and Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Valdez Public Health Clinic  
(907) 835-4612  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Valdez Medical Clinic, LLC

Valdez Medical Clinic  
(907) 835-4811  
Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.



Providence Valdez Medical Center  
(907) 835-2249  
Open 24/7

**CALL BEFORE YOU GO TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE,  
PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC OR HOSPITAL!  
TELL THEM ABOUT YOUR SYMPTOMS AND RECENT TRAVEL.**



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

## **\*\*COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT\*\***

Issued March 20, 2020

By: Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska  
Commissioner Adam Crum, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

The State of Alaska and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) acknowledge the importance of suspending all non-essential travel across the Alaska border as well as minimizing intrastate travel to avoid introducing new COVID-19 cases into Alaska from out of state, and slow the spread of the virus in state. Greater than 80% of proven COVID-19 cases have come from out of state, primarily from the lower 48. It is imperative that Alaskans heed these guidelines.

### **Health Alert 9.1 – Out of State Travel**

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing the following strong advisory:

That all Alaskans cease non-essential out of state personal, business, and medical travel now. Alaskans currently out of state are encouraged to return home now if they had plans to return to Alaska within the next 30 days

We strongly advise that any tourist and non-essential business travel to Alaska be suspended now. We strongly recommend that visitors to Alaska return to their home communities now.

Airlines operating interstate travel are mandated to immediately post this recommendation to their customers on their webpages and at the airports in a place that is easily seen.

Airports in Alaska are mandated to prominently post all travel recommendations.

Tour operators should immediately suspend reservations for any out of state visitors.

Businesses that depend on interstate travel should immediately assess their travel needs and only move essential personnel or travel for emergency reasons. Any travelling employee is expected to self-isolate for 14 days after arrival in Alaska.

All travelers returning from a Level 3 area are mandated to self-quarantine for 14 days as previously outlined in COVID-19 Health Mandate 004.



Any returning resident or worker is expected to self-quarantine for 14 days after returning to Alaska and monitor for illness. If you cannot work from home, you should not return to work until this period has passed, unless your work supports critical infrastructure (see Attachment A). If your work is a part of critical infrastructure, it is the expectation that every attempt will be made to comply with the 14-day quarantine or that appropriate steps are taken to protect workers, the public and spread of COVID-19.

Any visitor to Alaska is expected to self-isolate for 14 days after arriving in Alaska, monitor for illness, and follow appropriate social distancing protocols while in Alaska.

#### **Health Alert 9.2 – In-State Alaska Travel:**

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing the following strong advisory:

That all Alaskans cease any non-essential in-state long distance personal, business, or medical travel, with specific heightened concern for travel to remote areas with limited medical resources.

We strongly recommend that non-residents cease any non-essential personal, business, or medical long-distance travel within Alaska with specific heightened concern for travel to remote areas with limited medical resources.

All air, road and maritime services operating in Alaska are mandated to post on the web and in their terminals, these travel recommendations.

All airports, ports, and bus terminals are mandated to prominently post these travel recommendations.

Any tour operator depending on clients moving long distances across Alaska should strongly consider suspending operations.

We expect any traveler who leaves a community with known cases of COVID-19 to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival to their destination community and monitor for symptoms of illness. Following that period, appropriate social distancing should be followed.

The sacrifice of all Alaskans during this public health emergency is notable. While social distancing is one arm of slowing the spread of COVID-19, minimizing travel is an equally important part of slowing the spread of disease. We are aware of the impact these health advisories have, specifically on our travel industry, already hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. The state is committed to continue to work with businesses and employees impacted by the pandemic and will continue to work to mitigate these impacts. The safety and health of all Alaskans is our primary concern.

This health advisory does not apply to medical, personal, or business emergencies.

This is not a mandate.  
State of Alaska COVID-19 Health Alert 009

Visit the State of Alaska's COVID-19 website at [coronavirus.alaska.gov](https://coronavirus.alaska.gov) for more information

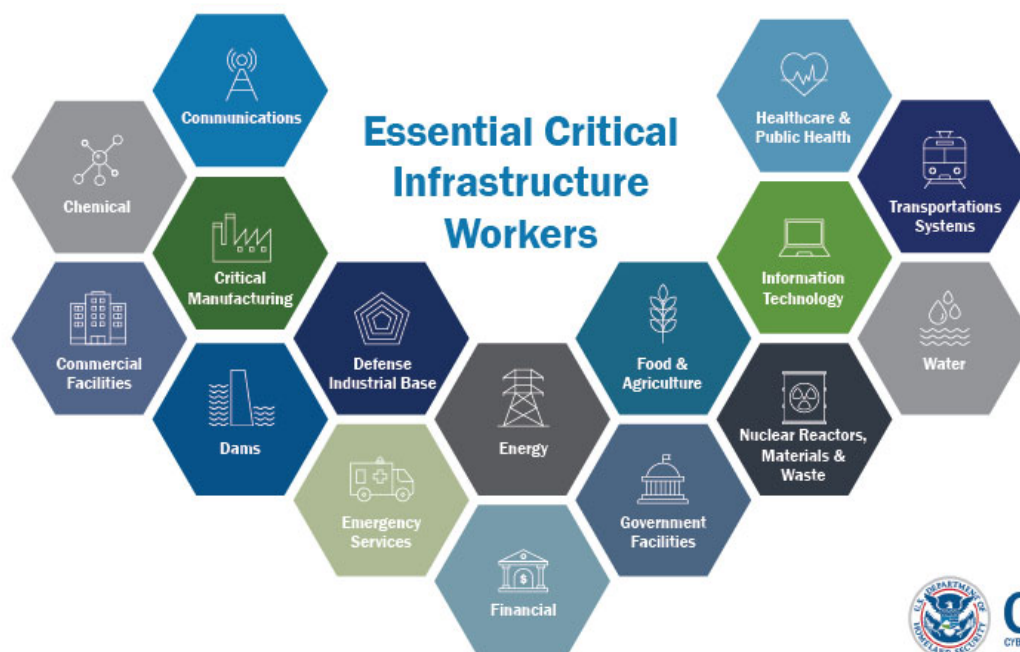
## Attachment A

### 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.

Guidance on essential critical infrastructure workforce can be found on the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) website. For the State of Alaska, critical workforce and industries include, but are not limited to:

- Transportation and logistics
- Agricultural operations, including fishing and fish-processing
- Energy – including oil and gas production
- Critical Manufacturing
- Raw material production for manufacturing, including mining and timber
- Water, wastewater and sanitation
- Government functions
- Public safety and first responders
- Healthcare & Public Health
- Financial services
- Communications
- Defense





## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISASTER DECLARATION CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA**

**WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the global coronavirus crisis or COVID-19 is now a pandemic; and**

**WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to an anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is a political subdivision within the State of Alaska; and**

**WHEREAS, while the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City of Valdez to be prepared and take all needed precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency related to COVID-19; and**

**WHEREAS, it is essential to implement local emergency powers given the potential ability of the virus to cause death or injury to people, necessitating measures to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and**

**WHEREAS, this public health emergency may require significant overtime by city personnel, emergency contractual engagement of supplies or medical personnel or resources to protect the public health, safety and welfare.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, It is hereby declared that:**

**Section 1. The Mayor of the City of Valdez does declare a Local Disaster Emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist within the City of Valdez.**

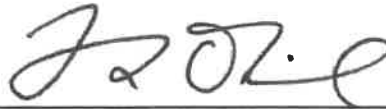
**Section 2. It is requested that the Governor of Alaska provide State assistance to the City in its response to the virus necessary to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused.**

**Section 3. A public health related order, if any, shall be consistent with federal or state public health official recommendations.**

**Section 4. City Council approval shall be required prior to the issuance of any orders (1) related to private property, (2) related to mass quarantine or isolation, or (3) related to rationing of goods or supplies.**

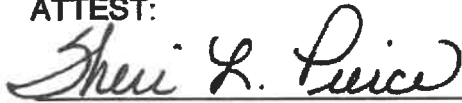
IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this State of Emergency the City Manager shall exercise those powers, functions and duties prescribed by Alaska Statutes, the City Charter, and all applicable ordinances, resolutions, special acts, and the City Emergency Operations Plan in order to minimize the effects of said emergency.

DATED: This 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk





## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-0126, **Version:** 1

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**ITEM TITLE:**

Discussion Item: Stay At Home Mandate

**SUBMITTED BY:** Sharon Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem

**FISCAL NOTES:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Mayor Pro-Temp Scheidt has requested a discussion item regarding the creation of an emergency order related to shelter in place/stay at home for Valdez community.



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** ORD 20-0003, **Version:** 1

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**ITEM TITLE:**

#20-03 - Amending Chapter 9.36 Regarding Emergency Preparedness. Adoption.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Sheri Pierce, City Clerk/Jake Staser City Attorney

**FISCAL NOTES:**

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Funding Source: [Click here to enter text.](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Please see attached emergency ordinance which provides a fine and mandatory court appearance for failure to comply with an emergency mandate.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 20-03

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.36 TITLED  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA that the following amendments are made to Chapter 9.36 of the Valdez Municipal Code:

Section 1. Chapter 9.36 of the Valdez Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Chapter 9.36**  
**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Sections:

- 9.36.010 Incident management—Established.
- 9.36.020 Incident management—Composition.
- 9.36.030 Manager.
- 9.36.040 Emergency preparedness team—Policy.
- 9.36.050 Duties and functions of emergency manager.
- 9.36.060 Emergency mandates

**9.36.010 Incident management—Established.**

There is established an incident management team for the city, as an agency within the city government, to be composed of the city manager and such other persons that he or she may appoint from time to time.

**9.36.020 Incident management—Composition.**

All city officers and employees, together with those volunteer forces enrolled to aid them prior to, during, or immediately following a disaster, shall constitute the incident management response as provided by law.

**9.36.030 Manager.**

The city manager shall appoint an emergency manager and a staff to serve at the pleasure of the city manager.

**9.36.040 Emergency preparedness team—Policy.**

There is created an emergency preparedness team as part of city administration. Such emergency preparedness team, as an agency of the government, will discuss the

economic, political, legal, and social implications of both the threat and the response to emergency situations to determine general policy and procedures required for these events. The emergency preparedness team will be composed of the mayor, the city manager, assistant city manager, police chief, fire chief, public information officer, LEPC representative, and such others as deemed required by the city manager.

**9.36.050 Duties and functions of emergency manager.**

The emergency manager shall cause to have prepared an emergency preparedness plan which he or she shall review and keep up to date as the occasion demands. A copy of the emergency preparedness plan shall be filed with the city clerk. Distribution and maintenance of such plan shall be set by the emergency preparedness team.

**9.36.060 Emergency mandates.**

The Mayor, pursuant to Charter Section 3.4(e), or the City council may issue emergency mandates to protect public peace, health, safety, or general welfare during a declared emergency as permitted by law. Failure to comply with an emergency mandate of the Mayor or City Council is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. Upon citation under this section, court appearance is mandatory.

Section 2. This emergency ordinance shall take effect immediately following adoption by the affirmative vote of six council members.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

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Sharon Scheidt, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Jake Staser, City Attorney  
Brena, Bell, & Walker, P.C.

Adoption:  
Yeas:  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Abstaining:





## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-0127, **Version:** 1

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**ITEM TITLE:**

ICS Briefing COVID-19

**SUBMITTED BY:** ICS Team - Dennis Humphrey

**FISCAL NOTES:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

ICS Team will provide a verbal report. Slide attached.

# COVID-19 VALDEZ UNIFIED

## ICS Structure and Situation Brief



# JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

JIC Team Member Name	Role	Specialized Assignment	Agency
Allie Ferko	Lead PIO	Lead PIO Writer Social Media Content – Admin	COV
Sam Shirk, MD	Physician Consultant	Physician Consultant	PVMC VMC
Melissa Reese	APIO	Back-up Lead PIO Graphic Design Assist Social Media Content Assist	VSC
Terri Lynch, RN	Public Health Consultant	Public Health Consultant Education Outreach & DHSS Info Dissemination	DHSS PHN
Kate Dugan	APIO	News Media Monitoring Writer Assist	APSC – But not serving in JIC in official capacity.
Rachel Farline	APIO	Videographer (Social Media) - Public Educational Content Rumor Monitoring	PVMC
Seed Media	APIO	Videography – Press Conferences & Recorded Statements	Seed Media
TBD	APIO	Graphic Design Lead Social Media Content Assist / Social Media Monitoring	COV
TBD	APIO	Runner & Logistics	COV

# PRIORITIES

- **Priority 1: Prevent medical facilities from exceeding capacity (flatten the curve)**
- **Priority 2: Ensure continuity of essential services**