

City of Dillingham Press Release

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CITY OF DILLINGHAM TO ISSUE EMERGENCY ORDER 4.0

August 19, 2021 – The City of Dillingham will be issuing Emergency Order (EO) 4.0, effective August 19 at 11:59 pm. EO 4.0 will supersede and replace EO 3.0 in its entirety.

Through consultation with State of Alaska Epidemiology and public health experts Interim City Manager Chris Hladick used previously issued metrics to determine the mitigation measures of EO 4.0. Dillingham currently has a localized outbreak of over five community cases in a seven-day period, and the whole of the Dillingham Census Area has 39 positive cases. Based on the metrics, CDC recommendations and advice from public health experts, the number of positive cases requires the City to reinstate requiring face masks / face coverings in public places.

Once EO 4.0 is in effect, face masks / cloth face coverings will be required indoors in public settings or communal spaces outside the home where physical distancing is not possible and in all places of business. The protective measure will not apply to Dillingham City School District (DCSD) physical education courses and/or DCSD athletic activities. During these periods of increased student physical exertion, the DCSD will have oversight of and will implement mitigations as recommended by the Alaska School Activities Association and will also utilize district-developed mitigation strategies.

Additional measures that will be in effect with EO 4.0:

- Quarantine: All persons entering the City should get tested 1-3 days before traveling and test 3-5 days after arriving. A newly arriving person who is unvaccinated should also stay home and quarantine for 7 days.
- Testing: Testing shall be obtained by people who have had close contact (as defined by CDC and AK DHSS) with someone confirmed with COVID-19. And People who have been asked or referred to get tested by healthcare providers.
- Mandatory Isolation: If a test is positive the person must immediately self-isolate and monitor for symptoms, for a minimum of 10 days.

EO 4.0 will be periodically updated as the pandemic situation changes across the nation and the State of Alaska. The Interim City Manager will convene and consult with local medical authorities, on an as needed basis to review response activities and assess the situation. He will also consult with the City Attorney, and other local and state experts as necessary.

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