



City of Dillingham and Curyung Tribe Joint Press Release



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Recent Positive Case; the City of Dillingham and Curyung Tribal Council urge residents to be mindful and to help in preventing community spread of COVID-19.

September 20, 2020 – The Curyung Tribal Council and the City of Dillingham became aware that there was a possible breach in the quarantining process within Dillingham. Your state and local health providers are working hard on contact tracing and follow up. The Dillingham City School District Superintendent confirmed that they have reached out to all families with students impacted and those students will be following the quarantine protocols before returning to school.

In the meantime, we are taking the opportunity to reach out to all residents to urge you to be particularly mindful about social distancing, wear masks, wash often, avoid groups and above all, remind others to do the same.

We cannot stress enough the importance to comply with all State and Local requirements in order to keep the virus from attaining a foothold in Dillingham and develop into a community spread.

All Dillingham residents must quarantine upon return from Anchorage or elsewhere. Medical professionals at all levels have told us many times that quarantine and testing is the best answer to keep the virus isolated and conducting a 14-day quarantine is a key part of that.

The only real way to combat a community spread is through individual effort and compliance. We really need your assistance with maintaining the safety and health of all of us. Please, please, please consider your family, neighbors and friends and protect them by following all guidelines and mandates.

“Tribal Chiefs Tom Tilden and Gayla Hoseth, and I encourage everyone to hunker-down during the next 10 days as best as you possibly can,” said Dillingham Mayor Alice Ruby. “Think about your actions and the potential of putting others at risk of contracting the virus.”

For more information on the City’s requirements and frequently asked questions go to www.dillinghamak.us. For more information on the State of Alaska’s Health Mandates go to Covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/

Free testing is available to the community through a partnership between Public Health Nursing, BBAHC, the City of Dillingham, and Capstone Clinic. Testing facilities are located at the Dillingham Airport and BBAHC. Non-urgent, asymptomatic screening is recommended for the Capstone Clinic at the Dillingham Airport. BBAHC is prioritized for symptomatic, or urgent situations, patients must call the hospital ahead to speak with a nurse. If you are experiencing any symptoms, call your healthcare provider or the question line at the hospital, (907) 842-9440. The helpline is also available to support anyone in Dillingham who has questions or concerns.

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