MEMORANDUM

Date: March 18, 2020

To: Mayor, City Council, and Citizens of Dillingham

From: Tod Larson, City Manager

Subject: City of Dillingham Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

With the Governors mandate that all bars and restaurants be closed, and the announcement of six confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Alaska, several agencies have taken measures to close facilities in the local area. Although the confirmed cases do not appear to be community transmitted, it does raise the level of possibility that more cases will follow to include community transmission. In order to try and curb or limit the opportunity for community transmission in the City of Dillingham the following facilities will be closed beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

The City of Dillingham Library (book drop will remain accessible)
The City of Dillingham Senior Center

There will be no group events at any City of Dillingham facility, including ongoing programs, as well as those that have been previously arranged.

City administrative offices (City Hall, Public Works, and Public Safety) will remain open at this time. Customers may be asked to observe social distancing while visiting. This may include maintaining distances between city staff and other customers. We encourage the use of email, phone, and the newly installed drop box for payments at City Hall, when possible to lessen the amount of contact between people.

Public meetings (Council, Boards and Commissions) are being evaluated on measures to allow the public process to continue while maintaining best practices for social distancing and contact. Advances in technology offer opportunities for virtual meetings that will be utilized.

Essential government services will continue to be provided by the City. However there may be some inconveniences encountered when conducting business in person during this time of uncertainty.

Thank you for your understanding, and patience during this time of heightened concern.