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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 21, 2020
To: City Council
From: Tod Larson, City Manager
Subject: Coronavirus Update

City Operations.

- 10/5 – Discussion on the future of the City's COVID plan at the Thursday City Council meeting. The Emergency Ordinances in effect were extended to November 5th, 2020. Very good community participation during this meeting.
- 10/5 – The library re-opened with protective measures in place. The schedule is published and out on social media and through local postings.
- 10/5 – We are working on a KDLG radio show for this Friday 10/9. Details will be out soon.
- 9/21 – Lori has the election center set up in the City Council chambers and is ready for operations. She has: adequate election judges, new election booths that are easier to clean and safer in a COVID environment, cleaning supplies, and masks for those that wish to vote but have forgotten their mask.
- 9/21 – DCSD re-opening went well with few issues until this weekend. The School District leadership and staff contacted all the people that were in contact with the positive case and have children in Dillingham Schools. Those children will be quarantining at home for 14 days and conducting classes from home.
- 9/21 – The streets project is going well and JJC has paved all three sections with the first ribbon of asphalt. They should all be paved with two layers and the approaches completed by the end of the week if the weather holds.
- 9/8 – Conducted a tabletop synchronization meeting with BBAHC, SOA Public Health, DSCD, CAPSTONE, the City of Dillingham, and our advisors (Tim Pearson and Andrew Van Chau. We all wanted to be certain that all our entities were working as a group. Walked through each stage of the Superintendent's matrix and synchronized duties in preparation for the start of the school year.
- 9/8 - Contact Tracing - Get and Keep America Open: Supporting states, tribes, localities, and territories
 - Key Concepts (CDC Website)
 - Trace and monitor contacts of infected people. Notify them of their exposure.
 - Support the quarantine of contacts. Help ensure the safe, sustainable and effective quarantine of contacts to prevent additional transmission.
 - Expand staffing resources. Contact tracing in the US will require that states, tribes, localities and territorial establish large cadres of contact tracers.
 - Use digital tools. Adoption and evaluation of digital tools may expand reach and efficacy of contact tracers.
- 9/8 – Asphalt projected for the end of the week/weekend starting on Seward Street.
- 9/8 – Landfill has its first layer of material for the cap.
- 9/8 – Had a good visit with Kay Andrews (Aleknagik City Administrator) and Allen Ilutsik (Alkenagik Village Administrator) about current issues and COVID-19 response.
- 8/31 – Some harbor floats have been moved. Most of the boats are gone now. Harbor is getting ready to shut down for the year. All the BBEDC summer help have left.
- 8/24 – It has been reported by numerous news outlets that President Trump will announce that he is not in support of issuing a key federal permit to Pebble Mine.

- 8/24 – Much of the Public Works crew and Friends of the Landfill have been involved in cleaning up the landfill. Good progress has been made so far and it's encouraging to see.
- 8/24 – Tom Tilden, Dr. Bendixson, Gina Carpenter, and I were on KDLG Friday afternoon at 3pm to update the community and Bristol Bay area on COVID operations and encourage residents not to get complacent. We still have a long way to go.
- 8/24 – It appears that Rav'n Air will be returning out of bankruptcy and back into service in locations from mid-September and into October for all former routes. Pilots and staff are being hired back and going through training now.
- 8/17 – I had a good Zoom meeting with our COVID plan facilitators on Saturday. We established a more detailed project and timeline.
- 8/17 – JJC and PND engineers developed a solution to drain much of the water that has been causing issues in front of the Post Office. That area has a significant amount of water near the surface and has been causing issues with the road for many years.
- 8/10 – No change from the reports given during Thursday's City Council meeting.
- 8/3 – Road project this week on D Street. Significant groundwater issue in front of the Post Office. Flying out our engineer from CRW to develop a solution with JJC.
- 8/3 – All other operations are normal. We are filling some positions.
- 7/27 – Re-started City Manager Corner tapings with KDLG. Taped last Tuesday, focus was on COVID and City Projects (including a brief PSA for the Census 2020).
- 7/27 – Construction began on Seward Street last week. Moved to D Street today. They still have a short stretch to get to in front of the Curyung Tribal HQs building.
- 7/27 – Attended the Dillingham City School District Meeting in the Middle School gym last Thursday. The District Superintendent covered the opening of the school year and developed a chart to depict how the district schools will respond based upon the COVID status of the community. The plan is on the DCSD website.
- 7/26 – The State is recruiting for election judges for August in Dillingham and they are having difficulty.
- 7/20 – JJC began work on Seward street today.
- 7/20 – DCSD school plan.
 - Today plan available on DCSD website.
 - July 23 – Public Hearing.
 - August 6 – Plan to City Council.
 - August 7 – Final Plan.
- 7/20 – Working with AKDOT on the plan for TSA support.
- 7/13 – Health check station built for employees at each building.
- 7/13 – Dillingham Streets Project begins today on Seward Street.
- 7/6 – Hotel demolition is scheduled to start today.
- 7/6 – Increased bear activity in town. Please take bear precautions. We are working with Fish and Game and KDLG to remind everyone about the bears. We can get complacent. 16 bear calls since 7/1.
- 7/6 – Enforcement – 33 Travel Permit Violations, 15 Quarantine Violations, 1 Mask Violation, cumulative totals.
- 6/29 – Building up the landfill cell walls in preparation of capping the current cell.
- 6/29 – Landfill office was moved next to the main landfill road for better service.
- 6/22 – The City Council on 6/9 approved Emergency Ordinance 2020-15 amending 2020-07 to include Subsistence as a Critical Personal Need, and 2020-16 – amending 2020-14 so that the Captain can take their boat out after the 13-day test and the 14-day quarantine without having to wait for the results of the test.
- 6/22 – The Permit Process has been moved to DPD with assistance Finance Office personnel. The permits are chewing up a significant amount of staff time. Our Dispatch Supervisor and the Chief stepped up to get the system up and operational after a little wobble. We met on Friday night 6/12 to lay out the process. Looking into other ways to accomplish this task.
- 6/22 – We've had a number of meetings with construction management, JJC, and Cynthia. The water project is quite a challenge.
- 6/22 – DPD has issued the following citations so far: 1 Mask violation, 17 Travel permit violations, 9 Quarantine violations.
- 6/22 – All Q&A products were updated and posted on the City website.

- 6/22 – The City Council approved the purchase of an ambulance with cots at their 6/9 meeting to come out of the ambulance fund.
- 6/8 – Denali Universal Services should be in town today. Tested and quarantined ready to go to work right away.
- 6/8 – Taped a segment on KDLG Friday sponsored by Kristina Andrew and Gabe Dunham. Involved the State, Bristol Bay Borough, Lake and Pen Borough, and City of Dillingham.
- 6/1 – Dredging is completed and floats are in.
- 6/1 – The Port Committee met on 5/28 and finalized harbor rules for the 2020 season.
- 6/1 – New Police Sgt selected – Sgt Bill Yates – looking forward to his leadership during a critical time in Dillingham.
- 6/1 – Emergency Ordinance FAQs updated and posted on the City website.
- 6/1 – Continuing on the Dillingham Water Project. JJC working on C6.1, C6.2, and C6.3.
- 6/1 – In negotiations with JJC and State of Alaska regarding the State Downtown Roads project and the City's Roads project. Looking at the probability that the project will lapse over into next summer.
- 6/1 – RFPs being presented to Council at second June meeting for Lake Road Fire Hall and Aggregate.
- 6/1 – PIO working on information packet to go out to each surrounding village.
- 6/1 – So far, the enforcement calls coming in are regarding local residents not complying with Mandates and Ordinances. Not many processors/fishermen have arrived yet.
- 6/1 – No change in the Library or Senior Center.
- 6/1 – We have a number of positions unfilled at the City. The open positions and turnover continue to negatively impact our ability to perform our mission.
- 6/1 – All DPD patrol will be working an extra shift every week for June and July in order to have additional manpower in the harbor area.
- 6/1 – The security consultant that the State hired just sent an email to the Chief and I discussing the security assistance from the State.
- 5/26 – The City entered into a contract with Jamie O'Connor last week to work as the City's Public Information Officer to assist us through the pandemic.
- 5/26 – Received report on the Downtown Fire Hall Inspection. The upper floor is off limits. We will need to either work on some extensive repairs to the current building or demolish and rebuild a new facility. We will continue to use the lower floor of the structure for office space and response vehicles.
- 5/26 – The Port Committee met on 5/20. The discussion focused around harbor operations in a COVID environment. Primarily discussed the tariff, harbor fees, and the Emergency Ordinances.
- 5/26 – We had a conference call with PND Engineers, EMC Engineers, JJC Construction, Cynthia, and I to discuss progress of the projects. The majority of the material required for the projects has been received and stored in the dock area. Discussed the evolving construction schedule.
- 5/26 – Water project began last Monday 5/18 in the Dock Office/Sea Inn area.
- 5/26 – Dillingham Fire and Police supported the 2020 Dillingham High School Graduation parade.
- 5/26 – Held the DPD Patrol Sergeant interview.
- 5/18 – Alaska Airlines began service today.
- 5/18 – Finance and Budget meeting. FY20 budget revision, FY21 budget review, and CARES Act Update.
- 5/18 – We met with EMC Engineering, CRW Engineering, PND Engineers, and JJC Enterprises to discuss project timelines and current status.
- 5/18 – JJC has had their crews in quarantine and have completed it as of Sunday. Work to begin on 5/18 – Water Project.
- 5/18 – Finalized the Waterfront Strategic Plan.
- 5/18 – Port Committee met to discuss: the Waterfront Strategic Plan, harbor rules, dredging update, and staffing plan for the summer.
- 5/18 – New EMS computers and software automated their operation and will save time and frustration with the old process.
- 5/7 – Conducted two separate construction related calls.
 - JJC workers in quarantine now.
 - Looking at 5/18 to begin work.
 - All materials for water and road projects on this first barge.
 - 6/1 – projected start on asbestos remediation in Dillingham hotel.
 - 6/10 – projected start of demolition of Dillingham hotel.

- 5/7 - Alaska Airlines is got permission to enter Ravn Terminal.
- 5/7 - City Attorney's spent two days incorporating community and council comments into new separate ordinances for review.
- 5/7 - First barge arrived.
- 5/7 - Held the Dillingham Coronavirus Task Force meeting on 5/1.
- 5/7 - Ordered materials to improve the harbor area for this year. Signage, porta-potties, handwash facilities, hand sanitizers, etc.
- 5/7 - Ordered tentage, cots, sleeping bags – estimated arrival next week.
- 5/7 - Awaiting response from Ben Stevens/Adam Crum regarding the security assessment team.
- 5/1 - We have a partial order of PPE for our first responders on its way from the State.
- 4/30 - Seems like things have calmed down around the airport and most are getting used to the permit system. The Chief is still having his officer's spot check the airport as their time and mission allow.
- 4/30 - Made contact with the Coast Guard – still awaiting a return call though.

Medical.

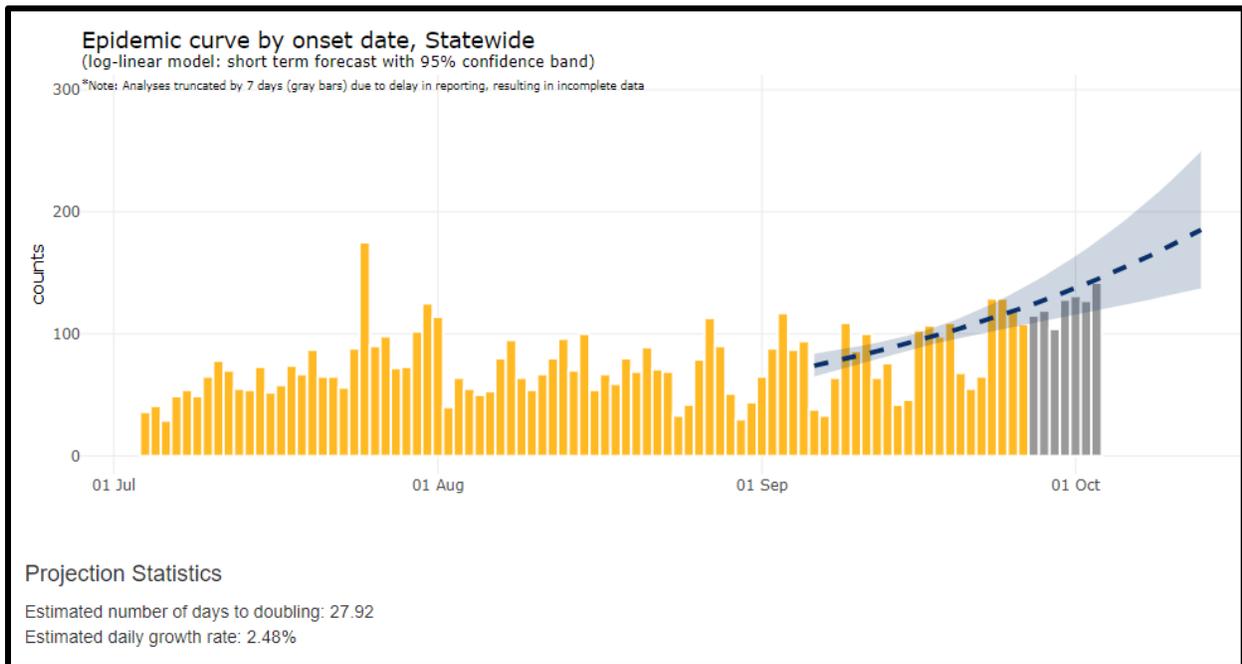
Health Update

State of Alaska				
New Cases Yesterday	Total Resident Cases	Recovered Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
143	8,329	4,663	295	54

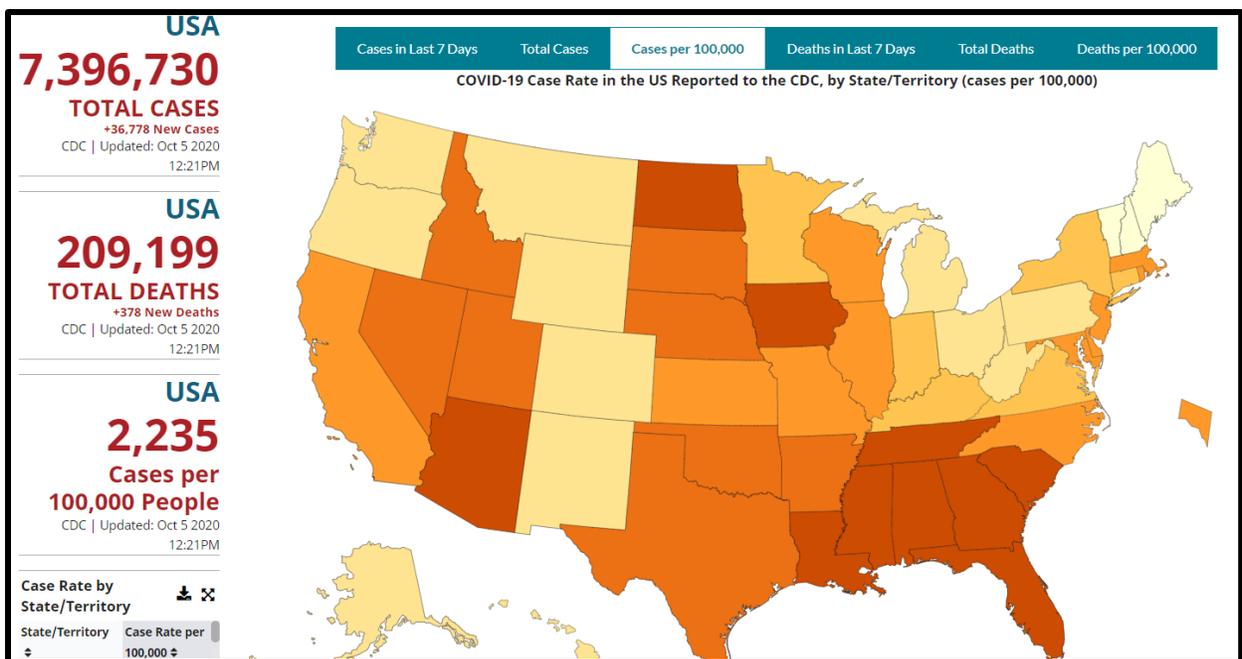
* 971 non-resident cases not depicted in this table.

* Increase of 1,493 positive cases since last report.

City of Dillingham						
New Cases Since Last Mgr Report	Active Cases	Total Cases	Recovered Cases	On the Water	Hospitalizations	Deaths
1	1	28	27	0	0	0



(Graph from Alaska Department of Health and Social Service, Coronavirus Webpage, 2020)



(Graph from Center for Disease Control, Coronavirus (COVID 19) Webpage, 2020)

- 10/5 – Dillingham has had one positive case since the last update. The individual is isolated with close contact tracing being conducted by the State of Alaska Public Health.
- 9/21 – Dillingham has had three positive cases since the last update. All three individuals are isolated with close contact tracking being conducted by the State of Alaska Public Health.
- 9/21 – Pearson Consulting has been conducting phone interviews for our COVID plan with community leaders and residents.
- 9/8 – Large outbreak of 89 positive cases at the Brother Francis Shelter in Anchorage.

- 8/31 – Pearson Consulting will present the draft plan during Thursday night’s workshop prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting.
 - The City of Dillingham is working to develop and implement a “fit for purpose” approach to managing our COVID response, which is focused on keeping our residents safe and well as we conduct business and engage in daily routines.
 - Our approach is based on collaboration and mutual respect for each other, with everyone contributing by doing their part as they have since the pandemic began earlier this year.
 - We engaged an Alaska-based consulting firm with expertise in stakeholder engagement and crisis management to help us develop our plan going forward.
- 8/31 – The CDC proposed guidelines for distribution of vaccine. Some key information below:
 - It would include all paid and unpaid people working in health-care settings. That includes hospitals, long-term care facilities, home-based care, outpatient centers and pharmacies. The CDC estimates there are between 17 million and 20 million health-care workers in the U.S.
 - Essential personnel, which the CDC estimates make up 60 million to 80 million of the population, working in food and agriculture, transportation, education, energy, wastewater and law enforcement would also be among the first to get the vaccine, according to the proposal.
 - About 100 million people with medical conditions and 53 million people over the age of 65 would get a vaccine.
 - I’ve included the full CDC briefing as I felt it provided some key information on the current status of vaccine development and distribution priorities.
- U.S. Data 5,934,824, 182,149 deaths, 291,012 cases in the last 7 days (CDC data).
- 8/31 - The National Institute of Health, NIH-wide COVID-19 Strategic Plan provides a framework for accelerating the development of therapeutic interventions, vaccines, and diagnostics. NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for COVID-19 Research. NIH will implement five cross-cutting strategies:
 - Invest in NIH and NIH-funded researchers to increase fundamental and foundational knowledge of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.
 - Speed innovation in COVID-19 testing technologies through NIH’s recently launched Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative which aims to deliver rapid, widely accessible testing strategies to the public.
 - Participate in public-private partnerships, such as NIH’s Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV) partnership, and federal partnerships such as Operation Warp Speed, to forge groundbreaking approaches that speed identification, development, evaluation, and manufacturing of promising candidate therapeutics and vaccines.
 - Support studies on preventative treatments and behavioral and community prevention practices to identify and implement effective approaches for promoting individual and community safety.
 - Ensure that diagnosis, treatment, and prevention options are accessible and available for underserved and vulnerable populations which have been at greatest risk for the most severe threats of the disease.
- 8/31 – Pearson Consulting will have the draft plan by Thursday night for the workshop. They have worked a lot on this project. Looking forward to the workshop.
- 8/24 – The City had a positive case that was reported on 8/17. The individual went to isolation and the State of Alaska began the contact tracing process. This case was travel related.
- 8/24 – U.S. Data: 5,643,812, 175,651 deaths (CDC data).
- 8/24 – Global Data: 23,057,288, 800,906 deaths (WHO data).
- 8/24 – Alaska is 40th in the nation for per capita cases at 634/100,000 residents.
- 8/17 – The City of Dillingham saw its first community positive case on 8/8. State Public Health took over the case and conducted the contact tracing.
- 8/17 – U.S. Data: 5,340,232, 168,696 deaths (CDC data).
- 8/17 – Global Data: 21,260,760, 761,018 deaths (WHO data).
- 8/17 – The Dillingham Airport testing site is operational – please go there for testing. BBAHC doesn’t have the capacity to handle a large number of people coming in. Reserve the hospital for those that are showing symptoms.
- 8/10 – The State’s positive cases slowed some dropping below triple digits for most of last week.
- 8/10 - U.S. data: 4,974,959 cases, 161,284 deaths (CDC data).
- 8/10 – Global data: 19,462,112, 722,285 (WHO data).

- 8/10 – I encourage Dillingham residents to do some research to learn more. Two good resources are on the John's Hopkins University of Medicine, Coronavirus Resource Center page at: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/> and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Coronavirus COVID-19 page at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- 8/10 – Coronavirus Vaccine Update. The University of Oxford is conducting phase III testing in Brazil and South Africa with 5,000 volunteers.
- 8/10 - A Phase 3 clinical trial designed to evaluate if an investigational vaccine can prevent symptomatic coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in adults has begun. The vaccine, known as mRNA-1273, was co-developed by the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based biotechnology company Moderna, Inc., and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health. The trial, which will be conducted at U.S. clinical research sites, is expected to enroll approximately 30,000 adult volunteers who do not have COVID-19. (2020, National Institute of Health)
- 8/3 – The State of Alaska's COVID count continues to rise by 100+ each day with the record high of 231 positive cases on 7/25. Largest concentration in Anchorage.
- 8/3 - U.S. data: 4,601,526 cases, 154,002 deaths.
- 7/27 – Significant upward trend for the State of Alaska: 575 new resident cases, 112 new non-resident cases.
- 7/27 – U.S. data: 4,163,892 cases, 145,982 deaths.
- 7/20 – All sources in the SOA have conducted 173,010 tests to date.
- 7/20 – Record day for confirmed positive tests at 141 reported today.
- 7/20 – All of Dillingham's positive COVID cases have recovered.
- 7/13 - Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports 3,236,130 total cases in the United States. 62,918 new cases as of yesterday.
- 7/13 - State of Alaska reported an increase of 401 positive cases since last Monday. 71 of those are non-residents. 306 total non-resident cases. 71 cases announced today.
- 7/13 – CAPSTONE has conducted 1,913 tests in the harbor to date.
- 7/6 – Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports 2,841,906 total cases in the United States. 52,228 new cases as of yesterday.
- 7/6 – State of Alaska reported an increase of 255 positive cases since last Monday. 56 of those are non-residents. 235 total non-resident cases. 30 cases announced today.
- 7/6 – Dillingham saw one new case since the last manager's report. All of our 21 cases are non-residents.
- 7/6 – OBI Seafoods recently transported 23 employees out of Dillingham as they were identified as close contacts of positive cases. These individuals were moved in consultation with the State of Alaska Department of Health, and local unified command. Employees were safely transported on a private charter in full PPE that exceeded the recommendations made by the State of Alaska DHSS. All were asymptomatic and were transported due to limitations of space at the processing facility and not medical reasons.
- 6/29 - State of Alaska has 883 cases, 521 recovered, 67 hospitalizations, 14 deaths. There are also 179 non-resident cases that aren't included in these totals, nor are they depicted on the graph in this report.
- 6/29 – Dillingham had three positive cases since last week's update.
- 6/29 – Dillingham has 18 cases, 2 recovered, 1 on the water, 0 hospitalizations, 0 deaths. All 18 cases are from the seafood industry with 0 local cases.
- 6/22 – Dillingham has its third positive COVID test. The individual is currently isolated along with his two crewmembers. This one was a challenge this weekend.
- 6/22 – I was notified of a seafood processor that had 52 employees tested and 12 came up positive. They are isolated and enacting company protocols. We are currently gathering information and will be issuing a press release later this evening.
- 6/22 – Public Health is working the contact tracing in our third case.
- 6/22 - State of Alaska has 755 cases, 475 recovered, 61 hospitalizations, 10 deaths. There are also 106 non-resident cases that aren't included in these totals, nor are they depicted on the graph in this report. I did have a discussion with the State regarding their policy of not graphing non-residents. Their answer was that they are reporting utilizing the same standards from the other States and CDC.
- 6/22 – CAPSTONE has processed 1181 tests with 3 positives.

- 6/8 – It's taking longer getting test results back due to a capacity issue at the State level. They will be having capacity issues for the next three weeks with the surge of fishing related personnel flowing into the State.
- 6/8 – State of Alaska has 544 cases, 382 recovered, 48 hospitalizations, 10 deaths.
- 6/1 – State of Alaska has 460 cases, 368 recovered, 47 hospitalizations, 10 deaths.
- 6/1 – Testing - completed 398 tests, 325 negative results, 2 positive results, 73 pending (This is without the Hospital numbers).
- 5/26 – CAPSTONE completed 213 tests, 174 negative results, 39 pending.
- 5/26 – State of Alaska has 409 cases, 361 recovered, 45 hospitalizations, 10 deaths.
- 5/18 – Dillingham had our first positive case. Trident employee. The safeguards worked and he was evacuated to Anchorage.
 - Received assistance from a number of State personnel, and BBAHC.
 - Collaborated on Press Release with a number of State Offices.
 - Radio program Saturday afternoon in order to inform the public and take some questions.
- 5/18 - State of Alaska has 396 cases, 344 recovered, 43 hospitalized, 10 Deaths.
- 5/18 – COVID Testing.
 - Met with the Capstone team and went over the setup at the Animal Control Office.
 - Buildings and Grounds along with Harbor personnel built the testing site.
 - Colored bands to determine 1st or 2nd test. Good visual.
 - Presumptive test is complete in 45 minutes.
 - Test sent to State Lab with 48-hour final test result.
 - Community members can be tested.
 - No charge for testing.
- 5/18 – Capstone began operational and began testing on 5/17 – hours are 6:30am – 6:00pm.
- 5/7 – Conference call with State Public Health, State EOC, and FEMA Region 10 personnel.
 - State is developing a system to come to Dillingham to COVID test large numbers in the harbor with a tent location, nurses, supplies.
 - State EOC manager resurrected our tentage/cot/sleeping bag request.
 - FEMA Region 10 took back our request for modeling and will work on it.
 - Working on a site location.
 - State will get back to me with throughput.
 - Wood River Icicle has testing themselves. Public Health will verify.
- 5/7 – Cordova first positive test in Ocean Beauty Seafoods.
- 5/7 - Awaiting a Health Mandate for set netters and one for Sport Fishing.
- 5/7 - Processor plans reviewed by Task Force and Council. Comments consolidated and sent to processors.

BBAHC

- 10/5 – BBAHC continues operations across Bristol Bay. Discussions about the mental health aspects of the pandemic.
- 9/21 – BBAHC submitted the press release on 9/18 for the last positive case. The hospital also did some of the close contact tracing. A number of residents with connections to the positive case took a COVID test at BBAHC Friday and Saturday. To date there are no additional positive cases.
- 9/8 – Change in ICS leadership. Bernina Venua is the new Incident Commander. Dr. Bendixson had to return to the clinic to see patients. Great to work with Dr. Bendixson and looking forward to supporting and working with Bernina!
- 8/31 – We are still working with BBAHC on getting a place indoors for CAPSTONE. The hospital staff have been great to work with as we split up the tasks for airport testing. We are close to a lease agreement, but it will take as much as 2-3 weeks to get it through the State's process (worst case of course – I expect it won't take that long).
- 8/24 – BBAHC reported a positive case on 8/17.
- 8/17 – BBAHC stood up the connex testing site at the airport. Our EOC is working on a sublease agreement so CAPSTONE can move their testing site to an indoor location prior to inclement weather setting in this fall.

- 8/10 – BBAHC reported a positive case in the Dillingham Census Area on Friday, August 7th. State of Alaska is currently conducting contact tracing. Six close contacts were tested and they all came back negative.
- 8/10 – BBAHC has requested that they be allowed to set up a 40' connex in place of the tent to continue testing until an indoor location can be secured.
- 8/10 - Validation of the In-House Cepheid machine will be running next week; runs 8 tests in 45 minutes.
- 8/3 – Still putting the pieces together for the CAPSTONE contract/airport lease. We are joining BBAHC in a partnership to provide COVID testing services through 10/24.
- 8/3 – The harbor COVID testing center is shut down and in clean up operations now.
- 8/3 – The airport test site is still up and operational through 8/15 through a contract with BBAHC. Our plan is to extend that contract through 10/24.
- 8/3 – The hospital is working on getting their Cepheid machine operational. Until then we will have a swab testing capability with the samples sent to the State for analysis. We just won't have the ability to have rapid results.
- 7/27 – Working with BBAHC on the contract extension for CAPSTONE to provide testing support to 10/24 (The date BBAHC's temporary lease runs out at the airport).
- 7/27 – The BBAHC staff are beginning to work on re-opening operations when they can do it safely.
- 7/20 – The new Hospital Chief Operating Officer (Ralph Andrew) was on the BBAHC ICS call today. Looking forward to working with him in his new role.
- 7/13 – Holding a weekly COVID test for First Responders on Thursdays.
- 7/13 – Security officers are on-site now.
- 7/6 – Continued progress of surge planning. Positive response to last Thursday's Emergency Responder Testing – a number of DPD and FIRE/EMS tested.
- 7/6 – BBAHC will have five security personnel by mid-week to assume security duties at the hospital and Grandma's House.
- 7/6 – Airport testing will begin mid-week.
- 6/29 – No change.
- 6/22 – BBAHC has been working hard and having some good discussion. Dr. Bendixen and her ICS staff walked us through the Tustemena incident and the applicability to Dillingham. It was another good example of the dangers of a large number of people in close proximity to each other.
- 6/22 – We also talked about the Egegik COVID boat issue where one member tested positive and eventually the whole crew tested positive. The State stepped into this one and put their thumb down hard on this crew to follow the rules of isolation and testing.
- 6/8 – BBAHC ICS reorganized. Dr. Bendixen is ICS commander.
- 6/8 – Coordinating with DCSD Superintendent for asymptomatic recovery area.
- 6/1 – Dr. Bendixen taking over duties as Medical Director for BBAHC.
- 6/1 – Seven more testing units for surrounding villages.
- 6/1 – BBAHC has supplied 300 kits to CAPSTONE to keep testing flowing smoothly.
- 5/26 – BBAHC discussed the testing site being set up at the Anchorage Airport. Testing for some out-of-state workers. The process is swabbing, then wait in Anchorage for two days to get test results.
- 5/18 – Receiving more PPE.
- 5/7 – Supplying data to the State for modeling.
- 5/7 - Grandma's house is estimated to be ready as early as Friday 5/8.
- 4/30 - BBAHC has signed a lease with the MEAL board to lease Grandmas House for use as overflow capacity for the hospital. A contractor has been selected to repair the sprinkler system and will be working on the system soon.
- 4/30 - BBAHC submitted a letter to the Governor requesting that the fishing season be shut down. I haven't heard of any comments after they submitted it.
- 4/30 - Samaritan's Purse notified the hospital that they have a 25-bed modular hospital complete with Docs and Nurses available for deployment when they need it.
- 4/19 - Supplies are slowly trickling in to the hospital.

Critical Community Services.

- **No change.**

- 9/8 – No change.
- 8/31 – No change – Public Works is doing a good job of keeping everything operational.
- 8/24 – No change.
- 8/17 – No change.
- 8/10 – No change.
- 8/3 – No change.
- 7/27 – Water was down for approximately 36 hours last week. A valve was damaged that had to be repaired. It was a very unusual 3” valve and we didn’t have one of these in stock (and could not find one in the State). Contractor conducted a modification to the damaged valve that worked.
- 6/20 – No change, however, we do have a number of positions open that is a challenge to performing our mission.
- 6/13 – No Change.
- 6/7 – Landfill is going through a facelift without an interruption to the schedule.
- 6/7 – Hotel demolition begins today. Should not impact water in town.
- 6/29 – No Change.
- 6/22 – There have been short water shutoffs through the water project, but they are working hard to make the service interruptions to a minimum.
- 6/1 – Lost our equipment operator to fishing season. Still searching for a mechanic.
- 6/1/ - Water/Wastewater operators are working with JJC throughout the water project to assist and to observe what is underground.
- 5/26 – Held initial meeting with our PIO and established objectives.
- 5/26 – A number of our first responders have expressed concern about going home during the fishing season and potentially taking the virus home to their family. The EOC is working with the Bristol Inn for rooms for June and July at a reduced rate.
- 4/30 - The roads have been causing Public Works trouble with all the snow and moisture in the ground. They are working on the roads up by Nerka this week.
- 4/30 – Road crew working on Bayside Drive.
- 4/19 - Our critical service workers have been working very hard to keep services up.
 - 4/19 - Public Works has taken steps to maintain social distancing, personal protection measures.
- 4/19 - Water and Wastewater – these two guys have taken many measures to make certain that they do everything they can to protect themselves. They know how critical they are to Dillingham.
- 4/19 - The Public Safety Department is holding their own right now.
- 4/19 - Although the Senior Center is closed, Ida and her new cook are still cooking and delivering meals to their normal meals on wheels as well as those that typically eat at the Senior Center.
- 4/19 - So far, we have been able to keep landfill operations going. They are shorthanded but still doing their best to keep their operations going.

Coronavirus Task Force.

- 10/5 – Started another group with similar composition as the Task Force that revolves around the Schools. Focused on school opening so our emergency services and providers were on the same page with the School matrix.
- 9/8 – No change.
- 8/31 – Pearson Consulting is conducting the Stakeholder engagements. Contacting a number of people and organizations for input.
- 8/24 – Tim Pearson conducting interviews with Task Force subcommittee members, organizations, community leaders, and community members.
- 8/17 – No change.
- 8/10 – Coronavirus Task Force Subcommittee will work with Mr. Tim Pearson to design our COVID-19 plan for the road ahead. We have had two Zoom meetings to date with key City Staff. The subcommittee will be established soon.
- No Change- Meetings suspended.
- 6/8 – Held our meeting on Friday. Decided to suspend further meetings based upon participation and meeting the objectives of the Task Force. Future meetings will be on-order.
- 6/1 – Curyung initiated a CARES Act Committee. They are still looking for a CARES Coordinator if anyone knows of someone that could do that job contact Courtenay Carty and the Tribal HQs.

- 6/1 – Chief of Police reported that airline passengers are arriving with their travel permits properly filled out and approved. Most are wearing masks on the planes. Informed of Dillingham’s mask requirements.
- 6/1 – Dr. Bendixen taking over as Dillingham’s EMS Director.
- 5/26 – Discussed the positive case, Curyung’s approved treasury budget, four citations in total, all four EMT positions are filled, working on a radio solution to submit to FEMA, power lines, Nushagak reported all emergency equipment is operational.
- 5/18 – Curyung Tribe suspended BBAHC withdrawal for one year.
- 5/18 – Courtenay Carty reported that Curyung received COVID funds.
- 5/18 – ANTHC is working on modeling.
- 5/18 – Generally, the hospital will test symptomatic people and the Capstone test site will test asymptomatic.
- 5/18 – Nushagak received 800,000 gallons of fuel this week.
- 5/7 – Large amount of test coming to the State (170,000+). ETA unknown at this time.
- 5/7 – Superintendents’ planning graduations in COVID environment.
- 5/7 – Superintendents’ beginning initial planning for next year.
- 5/7 – Nushagak working on microwave system upgrades and generator rebuild.
- 5/7 – TF stressing testing completed prior to arrival.
- 5/7 – Needed estimate for typical influx into communities for planning. Dillingham – 4,500, Naknek – 10,000.

Commercial Fishing.

- **No Change.**
- 9/8 – Held an after action review with OBI seafoods to close out the season and remember the lessons learned.
- 8/31 – No Change.
- 8/24 – No Change.
- 8/17 – No Change.
- 8/10 – No Change.
- 8/3 – Continuing to demobilize. Most will be gone this week.
- 8/3 – Waiting to hear about Silver season.
- 7/27 – OBI (Ocean Beauty and Icicle) has started transport of workers to other locations or back to their residence and begun their shutdown operations. They are moving their staff to the airport in the same manner that they moved in – straight to the airport from the processing plant. The personnel are all COVID free and have been in a closed campus the entire time. They will be completely gone by 8/10.
- 7/27 – Peter Pan is shutting down operations currently as well. They have completed the entire season without a positive case so far. They will be down to 50 personnel by 7/31 and completely gone by 8/12.
- 7/27 – The fishing fleet is also wrapping up their seasons.
- 7/20 – 85 of 119 personnel on the American Triumph (American Seafoods Trawler) tested positive in Unalaska. Story reported in Anchorage Daily News and others on Sunday, 7/19.
- 7/20 – Processors are currently building their exit plans and will be sending people home starting this weekend through next week.
- 7/13 – Fleet is out fishing, minimal activity in the harbor in between openings.
- 7/13 – F/V Knot Crazy sank in Nushagak Bay in the Flounder Flats area on Sunday.
- 7/6 – Fish came in last night, so activity on the water and processors will increase.
- 7/6 – Going to push the harbor rules – directing DUS to enforce harbor rules. Big issue with rafting. (NO RAFTING OF BOATS IN THE HARBOR THIS YEAR!)
- 6/29 – Fisheries openings have caused boats to head into the fishing grounds with less around the harbor.
- 6/29 – No COVID spread in the fishing fleet that we know of.
- 6/29 – It’s been difficult to keep the boats from rafting or social distancing. Jean spoken with each group to get out on the water and out of the harbor. DPD wrote a few citations in the boat harbor for not complying with Dillingham ordinances.
- 6/22 – I was a panel member on KDLGs Bristol Bay Fishermen Program on 6/9 with a number of other members. We all did a short introduction and answered questions that were collected.
- 6/22 – Activity has picked up significantly.

- 6/22 – I don't see fishermen/processing workers downtown as in the past. I'm hoping that they are in quarantine.
- 6/8 – More calls from Captains.....fishermen are coming in.
- 6/8 – Also larger groups of processing staff flowing in.
- 6/8 – Only two boats in the 'locals' boat area that we worked through with BBNC and PAF.
- 6/1 – Huffington Post interview completed. Jamie coordinated details for me. She is also handling other media inquiries – we've seen an uptick in inquiries.
- 6/1 – Local boatyard open now near Bristol Maid. PAF ready to move boats. Boat owners must sign agreement.
- 6/1 – We had our second positive COVID individual. We (Jean) had he and his assistant located and isolated within 30 minutes of notification. Fishing vendor. Contact Tracing being conducted – no results as of this writing.
- 6/1 – Haven't heard from the State regarding security assistance. Apparently, the team had until 5/31 to submit the vulnerability assessment report. Standing by.
- 6/1 – PIO working with our Port Director on a handout for fishermen.
- 5/26 – Denali Universal Services came to Dillingham and met with Chief P. to gather data and conduct a recon of the area for the vulnerability assessment.
- 5/26 – Nushagak has moved one line and the second one should be moved soon to allow local boats onto BBNCs property for fishing preparation.
- 5/18 – Nushagak moving lines so local boats can move to the Bristol Alliance pad. Awaiting permission from the State.
- 5/18 – Finalized and published EO 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-10. Developed FAQ and posted on the City website.
- 5/18 - Grandma's house available for hospital overflow.
- 4/19 - BBRSDA and other fishing related personnel coming to Dillingham are being discouraged from coming early and have requested that crews only conduct critical maintenance on their vessel, otherwise wait until next year if you can.
- 4/30 - All processor plans are in the hands of the City Council, Department Heads, and the Dillingham Coronavirus Task Force members for comment.
- 4/30 - A few advanced processor workers have arrived to begin the setup of the plants.
- 4/30 - Council will be considering the updated Emergency Ordinance and our rules on 4/30. Once approved, we will distribute as widely as possible. Our focus is requiring a minimum of two COVID tests, a 14-day quarantine, and tightly enforced Fisheries Related Use Districts from the day of arrival until completing the season.

State Mandates.

- **No change.**
- 9/8 – No change.
- 8/31 – Obtained a draft copy of a proposed update to Health Mandate 10 – Appendix 01. I started a side by side comparison and it appears that there are many changes, especially in wordsmithing. I did include the draft of the Appendix 01 to Health Mandate 10 – Enhanced Protective Measures for Seafood Processing Workers” for your review and comment.
- 8/31 - I'll have time to review and work on this soon with our processors in town in order to provide our comments to the State.
- 8/24 – No change.
- 8/17 – No change.
- 8/3 – No change.
- 7/27 – No change.
- 7/20 – We sent a letter to Commissioner Crum, DHSS with recommended corrections to Mandate 17 and Appendix 1.
- 7/13 – No change (Mandates that are still in effect as a reminder).
 - Mandate 10 – International and Interstate Travel – Order for Self-Quarantine.
 - Mandate 14 – Non-Congregate Sheltering Order.
 - Mandate 15 – Services by Health Care Providers.
 - Mandate 17 – Protective Measures for Commercial Fishing Vessels.

- Mandate 18 – Intrastate Travel.
- 6/29 – No change.
- 6/22 – The State amended Health Mandate 15 - Health Mandate 015 provides guidance for health care professionals on safely providing elective health care services while preventing the spread of COVID-19. This mandate also provides PPE guidelines for health care practices).
- 6/8 – Health Mandate 10.1.
 - Must quarantine unless:
 - Pre-travel negative test.
 - Test upon arrival in Alaska.
 - Asymptomatic or recovered from illness.
 - Alaska residents returning from trips of five days or less.
 - Critical Infrastructure Employee Travel:
 - Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order.
 - Employee must follow company’s community protective plan.
- 6/1 – No Change.
- 5/18 – Health Mandate 10.1 (International and Interstate Travel Order for Self-Quarantine) – Extends the expiration date to 6/2/2020.
- 5/18 – Health Mandate 18 – Intrastate Travel.
 - Road System/Marine Highway System – permitted for all purposes.
 - Off the Road System – Prohibited except for:
 - Critical Personal Needs.
 - The conduct of Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure.
- 5/18 – Appendix 03 to Health Mandate 17 (set nets) out for comment.
- 4/30 - Health Mandate 16 – Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan Phase I-A.
 - The first in a series to reopen the Alaskan economy.
 - The Mandate has a number of attachments for a wide variety of business types.
 - Stresses opening business in a safe way. Social distancing, limiting capacity, spread things out, etc.
- 4/30 - Health Mandate 17 – Protective Measures for Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels.
 - Establishes rules for vessels and Captains operating on Alaskan waters and in Alaska Ports and Harbors.
 - Directed at Independent Commercial Vessels only.
 - Includes some documentation requirements.
 - Does not require testing – which is a basic requirement of ours.
 - Acknowledges a 14-day quarantine requirement.
 - Also acknowledges the City’s right to enact additional protective measures.
 - Establishes a flagging system that lets everyone know the quarantine status of the vessel.
 - Establishes a verbal and physical screening requirement.
 - Establishes a number of requirements regarding crew, social distancing, illnesses, etc.

Economic.

- 10/5 - COD CARES grant statistics: 82 individual applications granted with \$61,900 awarded and 80 pending for \$56,200 = \$118,100; 22 business applications granted with \$105,000 awarded and 5 pending for \$25,000 pending = \$130,000; 1 non-profit application with \$5,000 awarded; combined totals: 184 applications granted with \$171,900 awarded and 85 applications pending for \$81,200 and \$426,900 unobligated.
- 9/21 – Still nothing from Congress.
- 9/21 – COD CARES grant statistics: 32 individual applications with \$1,200 awarded and \$12,900 pending and 4 applications denied; 19 business applications with \$57,500 awarded and \$20,000 pending and 1 application denied; 1 non-profit application with \$5,000 awarded; combined totals: 52 applications with \$63,000 awarded and \$32,900 pending and \$584,296 unobligated.
- 9/8 – Congress is back in session today (HEALS/HEROES Acts). Democrats and Republicans are far apart in a number of areas with their bills: enhanced unemployment benefits, student loans forgiveness, stimulus checks, business grants/loans, state and local support, to name a few areas with a big gap in the two Acts being considered.

- 8/31 – Finance and Budget Committee Meeting at 4:00pm today to finalize the City's Grant Program (CARES Act).
- 8/31 – Congress still on vacation, so nothing new with HEALS/HEROES.
- 8/24 – Nothing new on the second round of the stimulus bills.
- 8/24 – Found out from an auditor at the AML conference that the CARES Act bills can be paid in January/February/March – but the purchases have to be made prior to December 30th.
- 8/24 – I signed the check for the School District CARES Act support from the City.
- 8/24 – The national unemployment rate had been just under 4% for an extended period of time prior to the COVID pandemic. It spiked to around 15% and has been slowing making its way back down. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported a 10.2% unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) for July.
- 8/24 – Alaska's rate is 11.6% according to the BLS.
- 8/24 – The State of Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development reported the Dillingham Census Area as 7.6% (not seasonally adjusted).
- 8/17 – Congress is on recess until after Labor Day. They are in a stalemate over the next stimulus package.
- 8/17 – Finance will be working on the guidance given regarding the CARES Act distribution from the Finance and Budget meeting last Friday.
- 8/10 – Congress failed to pass a second stimulus bill.
- 8/10 – The President's Executive Orders ILO Congressional Action:
 - Unemployment benefits - an additional or extra \$400 a week and expanded benefits.
 - Evictions - The action calls for the Housing and Urban Development and Treasury secretaries to identify "any and all Federal funds to provide temporary financial assistance to renters and homeowners" who are "struggling" to pay their mortgages and rents because of the coronavirus.
 - Payroll tax - The payroll taxes would still be due. They would just have been delayed to the end of the deferment period.
 - Student loans - directs the Education Department to extend the student loan relief granted in the CARES Act until the end of the year.
- 8/3 – The Finance and Budget Committee met and provided staff with some good direction on the proposed CARES Act distribution plan. The full Council will review the results from that meeting during the August regular council meeting.
- 8/3 – Congress debating the next stimulus package.
- 7/27 – The Finance and Budget Committee meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday August 28th at 5:30pm. The committee will review CARES Act information and work with our CARES manager to develop our plan.
- 7/20 – CARES Act Expenditures:
 - June monthly reporting is \$119,720.83.
 - Cumulative expenditure is \$312,596.77.
- 7/20 – Survey results to date below:
 - Business feedback: received 11 responses total
 - 36.4% stated their business isn't eligible to receive funding from resources already available.
 - 27.3% of the feedback states if their business continues currently their business is at risk for permanent closure because they rely on tourism (for example, like the small bed and breakfasts in town with no business coming in). 45% state they are at permanent closure within 5 months or more.
 - 45.5% stated their business revenue has decreased more than 75%
 - 90.9% stated a grant can help their business.
 - Individual feedback: received 26 responses total
 - 80.8% stated they have been impacted negatively by COVID-19, majority of the responses were not being able to travel and limited ability to go to public buildings (shop, bank etc.)
 - 42.3% of them or their household is not able to receive funds from resources already available
 - 57.7% stated their daily necessities aren't being able to access daily needs within the City of Dillingham
 - 57.7% stated a concern is not knowing which information/resources are reliable information
 - General responses were: ability to provide kids essentials (diapers) because of reduced hours due to COVID-19 , heating fuel and electricity, lack of childcare available, sanitary products not being

available in stores, and securing employment due to COVID-19 and employers not hiring. These are the major concerns in both sectors.

- 7/13 – No new update.
- 7/6 – Business and Individual surveys are out to assess the impact that COVID has had on both groups.
- 7/6 – CARES Manager is continuing to collect information for our first CARES Act meeting with Finance and Budget Committee.
- 6/29 – Chelsey and Anita put together the first CARES report. This report is for the months of March through May. Dollar amount is \$127,875.94.
- 6/29 – This amount includes an allocation permanent staff, EOC staff, legal, PIO, and all the PPE purchases.
- 6/22 – Anita verified that we did receive the first installment of CARES Act funding from the State (\$1.7M).
- 6/22 – Chelsey Decker is putting together surveys that will go out this week to businesses and individuals.
- 6/8 – Chelsey put together an example of a CARES program for the council to start with. The City of Kenai assisted in our CARES launch. Great help from them.
- 6/8 – Dillingham CARES program workshop Tuesday before the City Council meeting.
- 6/8 – Direct mailer put together and going out this week.
- 6/1 – CARES Act Manager beginning work today.
- 6/1 – AK Cares Grant program open 6/1. Encourage widest dissemination possible. Applications on the State website. We'll push information out as it becomes available.
- 6/1 – City of Dillingham's funds should be available shortly after we submit the City Council resolution being presented Thursday night at the regular Council meeting.
- 5/26 – I submitted our signed grant agreement this weekend and transmitted to the State. Just awaiting the resolution at our City Council Meeting on 6/4, then funds will be dispersed to the City.
- 5/26 – Working on an Alaska CARES grant information push to assist Dillingham business owners. \$58M set aside by the State and they are taking applications now.
- 5/18 – Discussed CARES Act general information and that the funding is on hold due to a lawsuit.
 - Lawsuit should be dropped as the Legislature is convening this week.
 - Three distributions.
 - 1st - \$1,703,296.01.
 - 2nd - \$850,592.25.
 - 3rd - \$850,592.25
 - Total - \$3,404,480.51.
 - Need a City resolution to accept CARES funding.
 - Quarterly reporting to the State.
 - Legislature meets this week to decide funding distribution.
- 5/7 – Testified Wednesday morning to the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee. Topic was how COVID preparations and operations impact the local municipalities. (CARES Act Funding Focus)
 - AML coordinated a few municipalities to talk impacts after his briefing.
 - Looking at CARES fund distribution model.
 - Explained the stress created on all systems during fishing season and the influx of fishing related operations.
 - Stressed the challenges we face not only with monies, but the health challenge as well.
 - Other municipalities across Alaska seem to be similarly situated.
- 4/30 - Briefed the Finance and Budget Committee on 4/27 on what we know about the CARES Act.
 - \$1.25B for the State of Alaska.
 - The Governor divided up the funding with a formula that we believe is similar to the CAP formula.
 - Funds are anticipated to be available on 5/1/2020.
 - Must be spent by 12/30/2020 or returned to the US Treasury.
 - Not much out on the procedures and a listing of allowable expenditures.
 - The legislature is conducted committee meetings Thursday and Friday. There is some question if the Governor can divide up the money or is that reserved for the legislature to decide.
 - CARES Act monies cannot be used to replace lost revenue. Must be an expense related to the COVID pandemic.
 - AML recommended not to commit any funds until we get a better idea about the rules (hadn't planned on it!).

- Some uncomfortable unanswered questions regarding the vetoes that the Governor made and said the monies would be replaced with CARES Act funding. I know right now that we cannot use CARES money to replace School Bond Debt Funding.
- Reviewed the Treasury Department Guidance for CARES Act funding. Pretty general of course....just emphasized the prohibition to use the funding as revenue replacement and that the expenditure had to be directly related to costs from our COVID response.
- 4/30 - The information is located on the City's website on the left side of the main page and it is titled "COVID-19 Financial Assistance": https://www.dillinghamak.us/index.asp?SEC=A931F069-CC77-4C51-8385-DAB47FF5C9EC&Type=B_BASIC

Alaska Municipal League/Alaska Municipal Management Association.

- **10/5 – AML preparing for the winter local government virtual conference November 9-20, 2020.**
- 9/21 – During AMMA conference call I was a panel member with Kenai, Homer, and Wasilla to talk about on-boarding new councilmembers. I admitted that we don't have a formal process, but the Mayor and I try to meet with them to get them started off well. It's definitely something I need to formalize. Being a new City Councilmember is very tough and I'll build a program to assist them.
- 9/8 – No change this week.
- 8/31 – No change this week.
- 8/24 – AMMA conducted its Summer Legislative Session last week. Three topics – Leading in Ties of Uncertainty; The Changing Arctic: Implications and Opportunities for Alaska Municipal Governments; and AMMA meeting. Trip report will follow this week and be included in the City Council Meeting packet.
- 8/24 – Submitted my trip report for the AML Conference this weekend. It will be included in the City Council Meeting packet.
- 8/17 – AML focused much of the conference on the State's budget and CARES Act Implementation. All three of our Congressional Representatives spoke to us. Their comments were primarily about what they had been working on lately – much of the discussion was on HEALS/HEROES Acts.
- 8/17 – AMMA Summer Session is this week from 11:30-1:30 W-F.
- 8/10 – AML Summer Legislative Conference is this week M-Th in an online format. I'll be involved in the conference; however, I will try to keep up with email and phone/texts.
- 8/10 – Topics:
 - Local Transportation Planning.
 - COVID-19 and CARES Act Implementation.
 - Senator Lisa Murkowski.
 - Legislative Priorities.
 - Senator Dan Sullivan.
 - Congressman Don Young.
 - State Budget Deep Dive.
 - Policy Statements.
 - Defense Communities.
- 8/3 – AML held a Zoom meeting last week with Dr. Zinc and she spent the hour explaining the State's website, specifically the collection and posting of statistics, and the reorganized webpage that will be opened on Tuesday 8/4.
- 7/20 – No Change.
- 7/13 – I didn't attend last week's meeting.
- 7/6 – No change/no meetings this week.
- 6/29 – No change/no meetings this week.
- 6/22 – Attended a short workshop on CARES Act grant programs.
- 6/22 – Chelsey Decker has hit the ground and is working hard to establish our CARES Act program.
- 6/8 – AML hired a CARES Act Coordinator to assist municipalities in the formation and accounting of these programs.
- 6/8 – The conference call this week focused on CARES grant structuring. Anita and Chelsea participated.
- 6/1 – No Change.
- 5/26 – This week's call dealt with some of the issues that municipalities are having with the proper CARES Act management. The State is releasing \$290M on 2/26 (the day of the workshop).

- 5/18 – Discussed CARES Act general information and that the funding is on hold due to a lawsuit.
- 4/30 - Participated on an AML Conference Call regarding the CARES Act.
- 4/30 - I had a second conference call with AMMA regarding Mandate 16 strategies across the State.

State of Alaska.

- 10/5 – Public Health (Gina Carpenter) is conducting a drive-through flu clinic this week. It was initially planned for Wednesday from 2-4pm, however, because of weather it is moving to Tuesday, October 6th from 4-6pm in the Middle/High School parking lot.
- 10/5 – 476,818 total COVID tests to date.
- 10/5 – Had a good call with the State Director of Public Health Heidi Hedberg regarding flu vaccination. She said the State's stance was that anyone who wants a flu shot will get one. If the doses run out, the State will send more and Gina will hold another POD if necessary.
- 9/21 – 428,645 total COVID tests to date.
- 9/8 – No change.
- 8/31 – 346,839 total COVID tests conducted in Alaska to date.
- 8/24 – No change.
- 8/17 – No change.
- 8/10 - Health Mandate 010 gives clear requirements for all travelers arriving in Alaska from another state or country. These new requirements go into effect on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.
- 8/10 – 277,919 Total Tests to date.
- 8/3 – The State is dealing with the continued rapid increase in positive cases, mostly on the road system.
- 7/27 – No change in Health Mandates.
- 7/27 – Seward is having a significant issue with positive cases in their processing plants. 98 personnel of 262 in the OBI plant tested positive last week.
- 7/27 – 85 positive cases from American Seafoods trawler arrived in Seward the same day as the outbreak at OBI was detected. The positive cases traveled from Unalaska to Seward and were transported to Anchorage for isolation.
- 7/27 – 56 of 134 seafood workers tested positive in the Copper River Seafood Plant in Anchorage this weekend.
- 7/27 – DHSS and national medical personnel continue to stress the basics as the best way to prevent getting the virus: hand washing, social distant, stay away from crowds, and masking.
- 7/20 – The State reinitiated Bristol Bay Regional Fisheries conference calls. Mayor Ruby and I attended.
- 7/20 – The State approved our extension request for DUS security through 8/15.
- 7/20 – The SOA corrected the positive case attributed to the Dillingham Census Area to Anchorage were the person is isolated and recovering - erroneously listing.
- 6/13 – Sent a letter to Commissioner Crum to request an extension of our additional security force to 8/15 to make certain that we are covered through the fishing season. The current contract expires on 7/20. He did respond that he has the letter and is reviewing.
- 6/7 – Conference call today with State of Alaska medical (Dr. Zinc, Heidi Hedberg, Tom Koloski, two other health personnel from Epidemiology), OBI Seafoods (Julianne and Danny), and Mayor Ruby and I. Discussed return to work after a positive test followed by a 14-day isolation.
- The State will be improving the way they depict cases in their statistics. I've thought it was important since the beginning because the 235 non-residents aren't included in the total, but reported separately. To me it skews that data to leave these out of the total.
- 6/7 – From the conversation today, the CDC established a time-based strategy and symptom-based strategy as methodology for completion of isolation and possible to return to work. Dr. Bendixen will explain.
- 6/29 – Conference call today with Adam Crum DHSS Commissioner, Heidi Hedberg State Director of Public Health, State Emergency Operations Center leadership, Mayor Ruby, and I. The focus was to ensure that the City and State are working closely on the status of COVID positives within Dillingham and answering complaints/rumor control – we needed clarification.
- 6/22 – Health Mandate 15 was amended.
- 6/8 – No Change.
- 6/1 – No Change.

- 5/26 – Active State Mandates.
 - Updated Health Mandate 10: International and Interstate Travel – Order for Self-Quarantine.
 - Health Mandate 14: Non-Congregate Sheltering Order.
 - Health Mandate 15: Services by Health Care Providers.
 - Updated Health Mandate 17 – Protective Measures for Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels.
 - Updated Health Mandate 18: Intrastate Travel.
- 5/26 – Sent in our input for the draft setnet mandate.
- 5/26 – AKDOT held a call with the City, JJC, and Engineering firms involved in the downtown streets project – discussion was that the project isn't likely to be completed this year.
- 5/18 – Dillingham trip with:
 - Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer of the State of Alaska
 - Ms. Heidi Hedberg, Director of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health and Human Services
 - Dr. Bob Onders, Medical Director of Community and Health Systems Improvement
 - Mr. Ben Stevens, Chief of Staff for Governor Mike Dunleavy
 - Dr. Alex Eastman, Senior Medical Officer of Operations at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 - Mr. Jeff Birks, Chief of Staff to Dr. Eastman
 - Bob Kean, President of Denali Universal Services
- 5/18 – Coordination call with the Governor's Office. Specifically working on security assistance.
- 5/18 – State of Alaska still working on the testing site at Ted Stevens International. TBD.
- 4/30 - Mayor Ruby and I participated in two calls with the Governor's Chief of Staff since my past briefing last week.
 - 4/24/2020
 - This call was really the first one to establish a clear line of communication with Bristol Bay community leaders.
 - COD, Bristol Bay Borough, Lake and Pen Borough, Bryce Edgmon, Commissioner Crum (DHSS), Ben Stevens.
 - Developed the idea to have a coordinated radio show on Thursday 4/30 from 10:00-12:00. Consistent Bristol Bay message.
 - Talked some about security and enforcement challenges.
 - Developed that the EOCs are the main contact for the State. We will route through our EOC.
 - 4/29/2020
 - Discussed Health Mandate 17 and developed a timeline for questions.
 - Stressed again the need for State Government to go through the City/Boroughs and not so much direct industry contact around us.
 - Pushed hard to get testing included as a requirement as Mandate 17 still does not have testing as a requirement. Test prior to arrival in Dillingham and after quarantine prior to releasing from quarantine.
- 4/30 - Potential for some State assistance in putting together our security force. They spoke about sending in an assessment team to determine needs and contract with an Anchorage security company to fulfill.

Industry/Community Meetings.

- **No change – meetings are suspended.**
- 6/7 – No change – meetings are suspended.
- 6/29 – No change – meetings are suspended.
- 6/22 – No change – meetings are suspended.
- 6/8 – No change – meetings are suspended.
- 6/1 – Two cases in Bristol Bay Borough. Contained and isolated.
- 6/1 – During public update a State level presenter said that they wanted to speak with me offline regarding Dillingham Ordinances not 'lining up with State Mandates'. No call to date. We are stricter than the State Mandates in some areas.
- 6/1 – Effective communications stressed again by Dr. Onders & others. Complete information.
- 5/26 – The Mayor and I participated in the KDLG radio program with State and Local leaders to speak to the Bristol Bay residents. This included a Q&A period.
- 5/18 – Updated the Industry/Community group on current operations in the City.

- 5/7 – State received 2,300 plans to review and are working through the stack now, priority to large and earlier operations.
- 5/7 – Temporary hold on distribution of plans – legal challenge.
- 5/7 – Dillingham is testing symptomatic. 40 tests so far.
- 5/7 – Icicle weekly call.
 - Explained their phased entry to Dillingham.
 - Pre-travel testing (must have negative test to travel).
 - Outside Dillingham quarantine
 - Travel.
 - 14-day quarantine at Dillingham plant.
- 5/7 – Norm Van Vactor using drone to provide enhanced images for the State (and others) to understand our boat yard congestion better.
- 4/19 - Shared much of the information gained from other groups with this BB COVID & Fishery Update.
- 4/19 - Emphasized the need to write the Governor's Office and State Legislators.
- 4/19 - We want more stringent measures in Bristol Bay.
- 4/30 – Community mental health - one of the things that I read really just said to stop watching the non-stop coverage on TV, walk away from the negativity that Facebook seems to be generating, and get outside now.

Road Ahead.

- 10/5 – Contacted Denali Universal Services and they are preparing to return to Dillingham through the end of the year.
- 10/5 – Increased outreach. KDLG show. PSAs. Others.
- 9/21 – We need to figure out how to get into the process of a positive case sooner in order to have a greater impact on the spread. The City, BBAHC, and our local Public Health Nurse didn't find out about the case from this weekend in a timely manner or learned through rumors. It's unacceptable to find out this way. We have a much better process when the case occurs in town. This one happened outside of Dillingham so the State was the testing agency.
- 9/21 – Working with Ekuk and Curyung Tribe to fund protection for Dillingham.
- 9/8 – Continue monitoring national and state COVID-19 issues.
- 9/8 – Continue to work on our plan with our consultants.
- 9/8 – We scheduled a second meeting with the tabletop group to check up on how school started on 9/18 (end of the first week of school).
- 8/31 – I plan on asking the City Council to extend the testing facility to 12/30 – CARES money.
- 8/31 – We are finally close to securing a sublease at the airport for an indoor testing facility. This is Richard primary task right now.
- 8/31 – Haven't heard back from Denali Universal Services as of this morning.
- 8/31 – As a heads-up, I'll be asking the Counsel for authority to continue the testing site until 12/30.
- 8/24 – I requested a quote from Denali Universal Services for security assistance at the airport. I asked for a monthly option, but I haven't heard back from them yet as I just emailed them today. I'll report back on them when I have solid information.
- 8/24 – Richard is still working on an indoor lease at the airport.
- 8/17 – Continue work on our Coronavirus Plan.
- 8/17 – Secure an indoor location for the airport testing site.
- 8/10 – I found out last week that a high school friend lost his hearing from COVID. I share that to remind people that there are other dangers with this virus, not only death. It's so new we really don't know what it is capable of. Not fear mongering – just a truth that did happen.
- 8/10 – We should have a temporary structure up this week for our testing center at the airport.
- 8/10 – Looking forward to working on our COVID plan moving forward.
- 8/3 – Wrap up the testing contract with BBAHC and CAPSTONE.
- 8/3 – Work on the community plan heading into fall/winter.
- 7/27 – Develop and implement the City's CARES Act plan. Finance and Budget
- 7/27 – Partnering with BBAHC to provide the CAPSTONE COVID site at the airport.

- 7/20 – I encourage people in Dillingham to contact a City Council member and talk to them about what you want to see in the City's COVID plan post-fishing season. i.e. Quarantine, Testing, Isolation, Enforcement, etc.
- 7/20 – Working closely with BBAHC and CAPSTONE to maintain a testing capability in Dillingham.
- 7/20 – Determine resources required to operate post-fishing season.
- 7/13 – Need to start looking beyond the fishing season and into the recovery phase. What does that mean to us? What will it look like? Many unanswered questions, but I encourage the Council to begin looking and thinking about that. I'm going to start planning with the City Staff.
- 7/6 – We are going to hit enforcement of the harbor rules hard this week. People are not following the stated rules. We are working on banners to remind boat Captains about the rules.
- 7/6 – The City road project is in motion now. Changes coming quickly to our roads and our town! I'm pretty excited to see the work getting completed and completed by a highly qualified local contractor.
- 7/6 – Law enforcement will continue to educate/enforce the City Ordinances.
- 6/29 – Focus is still on public safety and enforcing the state mandates and Dillingham ordinances. DPD understands and is proactively policing.
- 6/29 – Stay connected seamlessly with the State Public Health and with the local processor manager. Vital to pass on correct and timely information to the Council and citizens.
- 6/29 – We will need to start planning for Phase IV – Recovery and the 'new normal' in the weeks ahead.
- 6/29 – Finance and Budget meeting to talk about CARES Act? We need to schedule a meeting sometime in July to discuss the CARES program.
- 6/22 – The surge is here and DPD is ticketing people that don't follow the rules.
- 6/22 – We have entered steady state operations and we really need to focus on following all the rules that have been established. Protect ourselves from complacency.
- 6/22 – Work on the development of our CARES program.
- 6/8 – Entering the enforcement phase.
- 6/8 – Steady state operations....leveling out.
- 6/8 – Watching for the flow of personnel into Dillingham.
- 6/8 – Transition of the EOC personnel.
- 6/8 – Work on the details of the CARES program for Dillingham.
- 6/1 – Still watching for movement on security assistance from the State.
- 6/1 – Making some final preparations prior to the bulk of the fishing workforce arrives.
- 6/1 – Distributing the PPE that the EOC has been able to locate to EMS/DPD/Work Locations.
- 5/26 – Watching for Nushagak to complete line movement so resident captains can move over to the BBNC property.
- 5/26 – Complete the harbor rules for this season and publish so people know the rules.
- 5/26 – Work with the City Attorney for changes to the Emergency Ordinance.
- 5/26 – Apply pressure to the State to produce the security solution they committed to provide.
- 5/18 – Chief P. is meeting with the security company and conducting a vulnerability assessment to get our security forces headed this way.
- 5/18 – Process CARES Act grant agreement and set special council meeting for the CARES Act resolution.
- 5/18 – Need to get the resident alternate boatyard ready for boats to begin moving there.
- 5/7 – Keep pressure on the Governor's Office to come through with security assistance.
- 5/7 – Expecting a number of mandates from the State next week.
- 5/7 – Expecting a decision on CARES Act funding distribution.
- 4/30 - Regular City Council Meeting 5/7/2020.
- 4/30 - Publish new Emergency Ordinance and make wide distribution.
- 4/30 - Finalize the additional rules for the Fisheries Related Use Districts for the summer and widely distribute as well.
- 4/30 - Complete processor plan review and submit comments.
- 4/30 - Develop the plan for ill and wayward personnel.
- 4/30 - Update the travel permit to include water side in addition to air requirements.
- 4/30 - Develop the CARES Act rules as they apply to Dillingham.
- 4/30 - Continue to refine the FY20 budget revision and the FY21 budget.
- 4/30 - Develop the security strategy and initiate action.

Discussion/suggestions for things to address:

- a) at the next briefing and
- b) at the next council meeting.

Council Questions from 7/27 meeting

- When do the State Mandates expire?
 - All State of Alaska Health Mandates don't expire "until rescinded".
- What is the status of the latest stimulus bill?
 - The second stimulus proposal is from the Senate Republicans, the Help, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection and Schools (HEALS) Act.
 - One of the issues slowing this new legislation is that it includes a number of smaller pieces of legislation.
 - Even though the Congress really doesn't have a timeline, they recess for a month on August 7th. That may force a decision.
 - The HEALS Act includes:
 - \$1 Trillion.
 - Provides \$200 extension to unemployment compensation.
 - Another round of direct stimulus payments.
 - Extend unemployment benefits.
 - Freeze Medicare premiums.
 - Include more Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding.
 - Extend liability shields for businesses facing COVID-19-related lawsuits.
 - A \$500-per-dependent payment to taxpayers with dependents of any age.
 - Senator McConnell stated that HEALS would provide \$105 billion for schools.
 - \$15 billion to support child care services.
 - Provide billions to support testing, vaccines, and research for COVID-19.
 - The House released its own second stimulus proposal, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, in May. The HEROES Act includes:
 - \$3 Trillion.
 - A second stimulus check for up to \$1,200.
 - Provides \$600 extension to the unemployment compensation.
 - Extension of the PPP program.
 - Refundable tax credits for wages paid to an employee during the pandemic.
 - A temporary weekly bonus for unemployed workers who secure a new job or are rehired, on top of their wages.
 - Rental assistance program would temporarily help you pay rent.
 - \$0 for State and Local Government in either bill.
 - If Congress doesn't pass a bill by August 7th, they will likely be called back into session during their recess to come to a decision. (My opinion)
- Will Seward Street be asphalt before school starts?
 - I don't see it being paved prior to the start of school.
 - The concrete crew was pushed a week to next week.
- How many people are wandering around town from the fishing fleet?
 - There aren't many left from fishing and they seem to be complying with the City Ordinances.
- Are you having a staff After Action Review (AAR)?
 - Short answer is yes.
 - Will likely be scheduled for our 8/11 staff meeting to ensure things have settled somewhat.

Coping with stress (SOA COVID Website)

When life feels uncertain or when we don't generally feel safe, it is normal for the mind and body to respond by feeling stress. Stress is a normal reaction that is hardwired in our body to help protect us with "flight or fight." When stressful situations occur, like the COVID-19 health emergency, a normal response is to feel threatened by the uncertainty. We may feel a lack of control about what will happen or what we can do to prevent further stress. This uncertainty might also remind us of past times when we didn't feel safe. If we don't do things to help ourselves, our well-being can be negatively impacted.

Need help?

- [Disaster Distress Helpline](#)
1-800-985-5990 (press 2 for Spanish), or text TalkWithUs for English or Hablanos for Spanish to 66746. Spanish speakers from Puerto Rico can text Hablanos to 1-787-339-2663.
- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Helpline](#)
1-800-662-HELP, or TTY 1-800-487-4889.
- [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
1-800-273-TALK for English, 1-888-628-9454 for Spanish, or [Lifeline Crisis Chat](#).

Well-Being Alaska

The Division of Behavioral Health offers its [Well-Being Alaska](#) resources to provide Alaskans with tools to build resiliency for those affected by stress during these uncertain times.

Well-being is having good mental health, life satisfaction, a sense of meaning or purpose, and the ability to manage stress. Well-Being Alaska offers healthy ways to cope, encourage self-care, and reduce stress. Here are well-being steps you can choose to use today:

Keep kindness
at the forefront.
Keep the
body strong.
Keep the
mind strong.
Keep your
connections strong.
Keep to
the facts.

Disclaimer: *This information is not intended to replace the information you may have received from your health care provider. If you are experiencing any issues please contact your provider. For questions about COVID please email covidquestions@alaska.gov.*

Resources for families and children

Alaska Children's Trust and Help Me Grow Alaska have compiled a list of online resources that are designed to support Alaska's families and children:

- [Resources for children and families in response to COVID-19](#)

Resources provided by child trauma experts at Child Trends and the Child Trauma Training Center at the University of Massachusetts:

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- [Resources for Supporting Children’s Emotional Well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

This coloring book, written by a clinical instructor at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, uses Joey the Kangaroo to teach kids about how to cope with their emotions and the stresses of COVID-19. Download the free PDF which helps “families talk openly together, reminds children of their abilities to cope with strong feelings, and encourages them to look for the helpers in their families, communities, and within themselves.”

- [Joey the Kangaroo and Her Coping with COVID Plan](#)

Resources for first responders

Recognizing the unique stressors that providers face, the Division of Behavioral Health has established a 24/7 support line for healthcare and behavioral professionals impacted by COVID personally and professionally:

- **Alaska Responders Relief Line – (844) 985-8275**

Staff supporting the call line recognize callers are often first responders and will allow callers to openly express their experiences and feelings serving Alaskans impacted by COVID. This service is also available to immediate family members of first responders who may be experiencing stress, anxiety and other hard to label emotions as a result of their loved one engaging on the front lines.

How Right Now: Find what helps

We’re in challenging times because of COVID-19, but there are things we can do and resources that can help us get through. The [How Right Now initiative](#), sponsored by the CDC Foundation, aims to address people's feelings of grief, loss and worry during COVID-19. Visit their website to find information and support that can help you cope and be resilient as we all find our way forward.