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# ** COVID-19 HEALTH MANDATE **

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To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska issued its eighteenth health mandate based on its authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020.

Given the increasing concern for new cases of COVID-19 being transmitted via community spread within the state, Governor Dunleavy and the State of Alaska issued Mandate 018, to **go into effect May 12, 2020 at 8:00 AM, and it remains in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded.**

This mandate is issued to protect the public health of Alaskans. By issuing this Mandate, the Governor continues to establish consistent mandates across the State in order to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The goal is to flatten the curve, disrupting the spread of the virus. The purpose of this Mandate is to clarify and centralize all requirements related to intrastate travel, to increase the ability of individuals within Alaska to travel, while still working to provide sufficient mitigation factors to prevent, slow, and otherwise disrupt the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

This Mandate supersedes Mandate 012, Attachment B, and Mandate 016-Attachment M. **At 8:00 a.m. on May 12, 2020, intrastate travel is permitted under the following conditions and guidance:**

**I.** Definitions for purposes of this Mandate:

a. "Road System" is defined as any community connected by a road to the Seward, Parks, Klondike, Richardson, Sterling, Glenn, Haines, or Top of the World Highways.
b. "Marine Highway System" is defined as any community served by the Alaska Marine Highway System or the Inter-Island Ferry System.

c. "Critical Personal Needs" is defined as those needs that are critical to meeting a person's individual or family needs. Those needs include buying, selling, or delivering groceries and home goods; obtaining fuel for vehicles or residential needs; transporting family members for out-of-home care, essential health needs, or for purposes of child custody exchanges; receiving essential health care; providing essential health care to a family member; obtaining other important goods; and engaging in subsistence activities.
d. "Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure" is defined as businesses included in "Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure" (formerly Attachment A).

**II.** Intrastate Travel Between Communities Located On The Road System or The Marine Highway System is permitted for all purposes. Note: travelers may travel between the Road System and Marine Highway System communities via any normal means of transportation, including vehicle, boat, ferry, aircraft, and commercial air carrier.

**III.** Intrastate Travel Between Communities Located Off The Road System or The Marine Highway System Is Permitted, but subject to local travel restrictions.

a. Local communities may enact travel restrictions, but cannot require automatic quarantine or measures that prevent travel for:
   i. Critical Personal Needs
   ii. The conduct of Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure

**IV.** General Requirements

a. No one traveling to or from any community for Critical Infrastructure/Essential Services reasons or Critical Personal Needs travel may be subject to any automatic quarantine or isolation on arrival, except as allowed under Alaska Statutes or Health Mandates.
b. Air carriers, ferries, and other travel-related businesses have no duty to verify that intrastate travelers meet the criteria for permissible travel under this Mandate. Air carriers shall inquire if travelers are permitted to travel under this Mandate and shall rely upon a traveler's assurance that they are eligible to travel.
c. All businesses, whether Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure or non-essential/non-critical, that have staff traveling between communities, must file a protective plan with akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com. The plan should outline how the business will avoid the spread of COVID-19 and not endanger lives in the communities in which the business wants to operate, endanger others who serve as a part of the business community, or endanger the ability of critical infrastructure to function. If you have already submitted a plan pursuant to a prior Health Mandate, you do not need to submit another plan. Visit https://covid19.alaska.gov/unified-command/protective-plans/ for guidance.
d. Alaskans should refer to other Health Mandates and guidance as necessary and appropriate.

**V.** Precautions while traveling:

a. Travelers should take appropriate protective measures while traveling, such as wearing cloth face coverings, practicing social distancing, and washing hands frequently.
b. Detailed guidance and advisories on how to minimize the risk of spread can be found at https://covid19.alaska.gov/reopen/.

*****This Revised Health Mandate Continues To Supersede Mandate 012, Attachment B, and Mandate 016-Attachment M.*****