COVID-19 OUTBREAK
HEALTH ORDER NO. 1
Suspension of Laws

Issued: **January 14, 2021**
Effective: **January 15, 2021**

By: Governor Mike Dunleavy
Commissioner Adam Crum Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, I issued a Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration due to the imminent threat of a COVID-19 outbreak. That emergency declaration was extended by the Legislature, and expired on November 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2020, I declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Alaska, including over 17,000 confirmed cases, and 84 deaths from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2020, Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Commissioner Adam Crum certified that an outbreak of the COVID-19 virus is occurring throughout Alaska, as evidenced by the current significant and widespread community transmission of the virus, including significant positive testing rates, and record daily numbers of new cases;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner Adam Crum certified that Alaska is currently experiencing a severe statewide outbreak of COVID-19 and will continue to do so, without immediate intervention, which includes the distribution of vaccines;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, Alaska has had over 47,000 confirmed cases and 222 deaths, and in January 2021, a new strain of the SARS-CoV-2 was identified as being more contagious than the original strain, and is spreading in the United States;

WHEREAS, to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and to respond to the effects of the outbreak, I am issuing this Order based on my authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration issued on January 14, 2021 and made effective on January 15, 2020;

The purpose of COVID-19 Outbreak Health Order No. 1, Suspensions of Sections of Alaska Administrative Code and Sections of Alaska Statutes, is to allow all state agencies to be able to

administer their programs in a manner that best meets the needs of the state during the COVID-19 emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, Governor of the State of Alaska, pursuant to the authority vested in me under AS 26.23.020, am hereby issuing the following order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

The State of Alaska is issuing COVID-19 Outbreak Health Order No. 1, Relating To The Suspension of Sections of Alaska Administrative Code and Sections of Alaska Statutes. This Order goes into effect at 12:00 a.m. January 15, 2021.

Strict compliance with the statutes, regulations, and orders of state agencies as set forth in Appendix A to this Order, would prevent, impede, or delay actions necessary to cope with the COVID-19 Public Health Disaster Emergency, and that the language of each provision specified in Appendix A be suspended.

This Order, including the suspensions set forth in Appendix A to this Order, shall have the power of law, and shall supersede all conflicting laws during the duration of the Order. This Order is in effect for the duration of the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration, effective January 15, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. This Order may be amended, and additional Orders may be issued, to address mitigation efforts to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus.