STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2021

TO: All Commissioners

FROM: Governor Mike Dunleavy

SUBJECT: Directive to Departments - Mitigating COVID-19 in the Absence of a Disaster Declaration

The current disaster declaration expired on February 14, 2021, at 12:00 a.m. Therefore, this directive establishes Executive Branch operations to apply beginning at 12:01 a.m. February 14, 2021, until the Legislature makes a final determination on how to proceed. Accordingly, I direct the following:

1. All Commissioners and state employees must continue to operate in a manner that prioritizes the health and safety of the citizens of Alaska.
2. All State departments, agencies, or instrumentalities must continue to operate with the same guidance and direction that has previously been provided in order to respond to the effects of COVID-19.
3. All mitigation efforts for the health and safety of State employees remain in effect.
4. By the close of business on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, please provide the Chief of Staff with a summary that evaluates each element of the January 15, 2021 Disaster Declaration that affects your department so that we can prepare to address them in an orderly fashion and conduct a methodical return to normal state operations in a manner that prioritizes the health and safety of Alaskans.

My primary concern remains the health and safety of all Alaskans, and I ask you to continue to consider that paramount concern in your decisions as we navigate the next phase of the state's response to COVID-19.