Declaration of Public Health Emergency in response to COVID-19 #02-20

WHEREAS, the spread of the respiratory disease COVID-19 has been designated a Public Health Emergency by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Governor of the State of Alaska and the North Slope Borough; and

WHEREAS, in response to the imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19, the State of Alaska Department of Health and Human Services has issued Health Mandates and Health Alerts and the North Slope Borough has issued Emergency Orders and provided guidelines on its operations necessary to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wainwright held an Emergency Meeting of the City Council on March 21, 2020 regarding local response to the COVID-19 threat to the health and safety of the residents of the City of Wainwright and issued Declaration of Public Health Emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor of the State of Alaska issued Health Mandate 011, Social Distancing, effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00 pm, requiring that “All persons in Alaska, except for those engaged in essential health care services, public government services, and essential business activities, are mandated to remain at their place of residence and practice social distancing” as defined in Mandate 011; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor of the State of Alaska issued Health Mandate 12, effective March 28, 2020 at 8:00 am, restricting intrastate travel to “Critical Infrastructure” and “Critical Personal Travel,” as defined in Mandate 12, subject to any further restrictions enacted by a “Small Community” as defined in Attachment B Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wainwright held a Special Meeting of the City Council on April 2, 2020 to update the City’s Declaration of Public Health Emergency to be consistent with current State of Alaska Health Mandates and CDC guidelines in order to more effectively contain the spread of COVID-19;

THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wainwright hereby issue this amended Declaration of Public Health Emergency in the City of Wainwright #02-20, effective from April 2, 2020 until further notice, to support all statewide Health Mandates and Health Alerts, subject to the additional conditions for intrastate travel pursuant to the Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order included below, and also issue the following guidelines necessary to contain the spread of COVID-19:

1. Travel (Air or Surface Travel to and from other villages)
   a. State of Alaska Health Mandate #12, prohibits all in-state travel between communities, whether resident, worker or visitor, unless travel is to support critical infrastructure as defined in Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure (formerly Attachment A) or Critical Personal Needs as defined in Health Mandate #12.
b. In addition to the requirements of State of Alaska Health Mandate #12, as authorized under Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order-Attachment B, **any person arriving in Wainwright from any location in Alaska which has confirmed COVID-19 diagnoses, is strongly encouraged to self-quarantine for 14 days**

1) See terms of Self-Quarantine on City of Wainwright Facebook page.

2) This provision does not apply to Emergency First Responders, Law Enforcement or Office of Children’s Services personnel, pursuant to Alaska Health Mandate #12, Attachment B.

c. **State of Alaska Health Mandate #10-1 effective March 25, 2020 at 12:01 am, requires that any person arriving in Alaska from outside the state is required to Self-Quarantine for 14 Days.** Quarantine will be required at the person’s “designated quarantine location,” identified on the State of Alaska Travel Declaration Form (for Alaska residents that is their residence location).

d. **“Critical Infrastructure Travel”** and travel for “Critical Personal Needs” allowed under Health Mandate #12 and City of Wainwright Declaration of Public Health Emergency #02-20, are defined in Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order amended March 27, 2020 (previously Attachment A) and in Health Mandate #12.

e. “Critical Personal 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.” For more details, see Mandate 11 and 12 FAQ’s posted on the City of Wainwright Facebook page. Please note that State of Alaska Mandate 12 specifically prohibits travel for family social visits.

2. **State of Alaska Health Mandate #11 Social Distancing** requires individuals to remain at their place of residence and practice Social Distancing unless they are engaged in essential health care services, public government services and essential business activities.

a. **Individuals must maintain a distance of six feet or greater from any individuals with whom you do not currently reside.**

b. Outdoor activity is permitted when a distance of six or more feet can be maintained between individuals not in the same household.

c. All individuals shall cease participation in public or private gatherings that include non-household members, regardless of the number of people involved.

d. Any individual who exhibits symptoms of illness must not leave their home, including to work except as necessary to seek and receive medical care and must be immediately isolated following CDC guidelines.

3. **State of Alaska Health Mandate #9 prohibits gatherings of 10 or more people** (outside the family unit)

4. **Protect our Elders, First Responders and our Community – follow the CDC guidelines to avoid transmission of the COVID-19**

a. **Social Distancing:** Stay at least 6 feet from other people (outside home/family)

b. **Wash your hands** frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds (Happy Birthday song 2 times). If water isn’t available use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol

c. **Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes**

d. **Do not shake hands**

e. **Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces like doorknobs, handles, faucets, phones, keyboards, toys, etc.**

f. **If you feel ill, stay home.** Call the Clinic at 763-2714 or 763-2814.
5. **Special Protection for At Risk Individuals** 60 or older and individuals with underlying medical conditions such as chronic heart disease or lung disease, asthma, diabetes, compromised immunity: In addition to guidelines above, limit exposure by staying home and getting assistance from family or the Elder Homemaker Services program for necessary shopping and other errands.

6. **NSB Clinic**
   a. Call the Wainwright Clinic staff at 763-2714 or 763-2814 BEFORE going to the clinic for assistance.
   b. If you have symptoms such as shortness of breath, fever over 100.3 degrees and dry cough, call the Clinic right away. Avoid close contact with others.
   c. Please **DO NOT GO TO THE CLINIC WITHOUT CALLING FIRST**.

7. **Elder Services**: In-home services provided under the Elder Homemaker program are suspended until further notice. Elder Homemaker program staff will continue to assist Elders with grocery shopping, mail pickup, errands and laundry. To request services call (907) 763-2815, (907) 319-8581 or send an email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@cityofwainwright.com

8. **Youth Center and After School Recreation Programs** are suspended until further notice in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

9. **City Offices** will be closed to the public until further notice, but City staff will continue working from home, online and telephonically. If you need assistance from the City, please call (907) 763-2815, (907) 319-8581 or email the City Clerk at cityclerk@cityofwainwright.com

10. **Updates** will be issued by the City and posted at the Post Office, OC Store, Coop, and on the new, updated City of Wainwright Facebook page.

11. **All Mandates and Health Alerts** issued by the State of Alaska Department of Health and Human Services and Governor and the Mayor of the North Slope Borough must be followed. Full text of those documents is available online at http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx and through links on the City of Wainwright Facebook page.

**SIGNED** this 2nd day of April, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

Raymond H. Nashookpuk, Mayor

Cheryl Panik, City Clerk