CITY OF NUIQSUT

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY ORDER EO-08
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NUIQSUT (“CITY”) PERSUANT TO CITY
OF NUIQSUT RESOLUTION 20-03.

The COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm
the health system of the entire State of Alaska. Furthermore, the City has limited health resources
and we must take steps to slow and contain the threat; such steps require coordinated community
action. This order is put forward to preserve the health and safety of our community.

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ME BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER
RESOLUTION 20-03, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY
REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 12:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021,
TO PRESERVE LIFE IN AND ADJACENT TO THE CITY. THE FOLLOWING
EMERGENCY REGULATIONS HAVE THE POWER OF LAW, SHALL REMAIN IN
EFFECT UNTIL 11:59 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021, AND SHALL
SUPERCEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS
EMERGENCY. [EO-07 IS SUPERCEDED BY THIS EO-08.]

Preamble

The City of Nuiqsut was incorporated as a Second Class City in 1975 under the laws of the State
of Alaska. The State of Alaska DCRA certified population in 2018 of Nuiqsut was 481.

Article X, Local Government, Section 1, Purpose and Construction, of the Alaska Constitution,
provides, "The purpose of this article is to provide for maximum local self-government with a
minimum of local government units, and to prevent duplication of tax-levying jurisdictions. A
liberal construction shall be given to the powers of local government units."

The villages around Nome were decimated by the 1918/1919 Spanish Flu pandemic where on
October 20, 1918, a flu virus was introduced into Nome by persons traveling to Nome on the
S.S. Victoria which killed 162 Native Alaskan residents of Nome in eight days; during the same
1918 flu pandemic only 80 of 150 residents of Teller, near Nome, survived; during the 1918 flu
pandemic 170 out of 310 residents of Wales, near Nome, died; however, during the 1918 flu
pandemic in the Nome area, the villages of Shishmaref and Shaktoolik by posting guards and
enforcing a rigid quarantine were not infected with the flu virus.

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9. Gatherings will not be acceptable or allowed until the pandemic has shown to be slowed and/or stopped spreading in the City of Nuiqsut.

10. Residents shall follow all health mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS) which can be found at https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/ and guidance from the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) which can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

11. Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order, formerly Attachment “A” originally issued on March 27, 2020, first amended on April 10, 2020 and last amended on May 5, 2020, shall be followed by all persons and entities coming into and working in the City of Nuiqsut. This Order is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and can be found at http://dl.icdst.org/pdfs/files3/6fbceee1e552b0a1adce0fd488d9dc2f65.pdf.

12. Persons and companies travelling into the City of Nuiqsut for critical infrastructure jobs shall submit a travel, protective and work plan to akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com and the City of Nuiqsut [mayor@cityofnuiqsut.org and jee@jwevanslaw.com] for review and approval. Guidance for this type of critical infrastructure travel, protective and work plans can be found at https://covid19.alaska.gov/unified-command/protective-plans/. This plan shall include, inter alia, self-monitoring by employees, wearing of masks by employees, social distancing, the number of employees coming into the City and how long the employees will be in the City of Nuiqsut and be in compliance with State of Alaska Outbreak Health Orders found at https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/ and State of Alaska FAQs at https://covid19.alaska.gov/faq/ and State of Alaska Health Mandate 18, dated May 22, 2020, at https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/05112020-COVID-MANDATE-018-Intrastate-Travel.pdf.

13. Critical Infrastructure Workers (CI) shall limit social mixing, pre-travel test before coming to Nuiqsut, stay masked and socially distant from community residents, and limit access to facilities that are not part of the CI workers’ worksite or lodging. CI Workers traveling to Nuiqsut in support of emergency requirements must coordinate access with the City of Nuiqsut if the situation does not allow time for pre-travel testing, such as a power outage, communications failure, damage to infrastructure, or other situations that require emergency travel.

Dated this 5th day of January 5, 2021, at Nuiqsut, Alaska.

The Honorable Mamie Pardue
Mayor, City of Nuiqsut

Attachment: Exhibit “A” - Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order [5 pages]
As posted on November 16, 2020, on the State of Alaska website, Health Order 8: Intrastate Travel, found at https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Outbreak-Health-Order-No-8-Intrastate-Travel.pdf, specifies the limitations on community restrictions, and that Critical Infrastructure must be allowed to travel into rural towns, but follow safety plans; defines critical personal needs for residents that need to leave communities; and implements a testing strategy and protocols for individuals traveling from road system communities to off-road system.

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1. All residents of the City of Nuiqsut shall hunker down and shelter in place as much as possible, in-order-to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

2. All residents of the City of Nuiqsut shall practice social distancing, practice good personal hygiene as much as possible, and wear a mask or face covering and gloves in all public areas in-order-to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

3. Residents should work from home as much as possible, except to provide Essential Services and work on Critical Workforce Infrastructure; to buy, sell, or deliver groceries or other critical goods; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without coming within 6 feet of others.

4. Residents shall conduct business via telephone or electronic communications as much as possible.

5. It is strongly recommended, in accordance with the Center for Disease Control guidance, that certain residents should take even greater precaution: Anyone particularly at-risk from COVID-19 should reduce exposure by staying home, not physically going to work, and not doing their own shopping, if possible. These include any individuals 60 years of age and older, and individuals with a serious underlying medical condition. Members of households with these individuals should also implement these more stringent guidelines.

6. If you are sick or suspect you may have the COVID-19 virus, and have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call the Uyagavik Health Clinic before you go to there and follow directions given to you by the health aides. This will help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and our community.

7. All residents who plan to return to the City of Nuiqsut from any other location MUST, for their protection and the health and safety of their families, friends and residents of Nuiqsut to obtain a COVID-19 test before departing for their trip to Nuiqsut or complete a COVID-19 test at the Uyagavik Clinic and quarantine while waiting for results. If any signs of COVID-19 appear – fever, dry-cough and/or shortness of breath - persons shall contact the Clinic immediately.

8. Visitors and guests coming to Nuiqsut shall provide negative COVID-19 test results to the City of Nuiqsut (cityclerk@cityofnuiqsut.org), practice social distancing as much as possible, follow good personal hygiene, i.e., frequent hand washing and, in appropriate settings, i.e., in the store, wear face mask or face covering and gloves when in public areas. Persons using the Community Winter Access Trails (“CWAT”) shall not enter Nuiqsut unless an emergency requires such entry and then while in Nuiqsut to deal with the emergency must comply with numbers 2 and 6 above as well as limit contacts with local residents to prevent the disease from spreading to people in our homes and our community.

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