As of Tuesday January 4, 2022, the community of Point Hope is hereby ordered to Hunker Down due to a positive COVID-19 case in the community, this emergency guideline is effective immediately to curve the spread of COVID-19 in Point Hope. As of Tuesday January 4, 2022 we do have 1 active COVID-19 case here in quarantine, and 8 active cases in quarantine outside of Point Hope. The Point Hope Clinic will be doing close contact testing once Maniilaq Health Center Public Health Nursing has completed contact tracing. Depending on the severity of the outbreak the Maniilaq COVID testing team will be called into Point Hope. Maniilaq Health Center will ensure there will be enough test kits available for the Point Hope clinic.

1. **All persons in the Point Hope Community are hereby ordered to hunker down.**

   All persons must stay home, except to buy, sell, or deliver groceries or other critical goods. To receive or provide health care, and to get fresh air without contacting others. The only exceptions are for those working on critical infrastructure and providing critical services, as listed in the Alaska Health Advisory No.4. All persons are free to work from home, if their employer permits it.

2. **Wear a mask or face always covering over your nose and mouth while in public places.**

   All persons in Point Hope must wear a mask or cloth face covering over their noses and mouths when in communal public spaces, or when interacting with anyone outside their households. All persons must wear one indoors in non-home settings when unable to maintain a six-foot distance from others for any but transient interaction. This masking order also applies to any form of public transportation within our community. Employers are ordered to adjust employee workspaces and scheduling accordingly, and to enforce this order.

   This provision does not apply to children under the age of 2, those with impaired hearing or speech or those immediately communicating with them, those with breathing difficulties, those with mental impediments to compliance, those in police or judicial custody, and those receiving medical care in medical facility which is free to adopt its own rules.
3. If you are experiencing the following symptoms in the last 14 days, a new cough you cannot attribute to another health condition, new shortness of breath you cannot attribute to another health condition, new sore throat you cannot attribute to another health condition, new muscle aches you cannot attribute to another health condition, temperature at or above 100.4 or the sense of having a fever, or have had close contact without the use of appropriate PPE, with someone who is currently sick with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 please contact the Maniilaq Health Center COVID HOTLINE at 1-833-442-7015 or the Point Hope Clinic at 1-907-368-2234.

4. Be sure to wash your hands frequently, follow all cleansing and disinfecting protocols as per the Center of Disease Control the link provided will take you to the protocols: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html. Wear disposable gloves to clean and disinfect, clean surfaces with soap and water, then use disinfectant. Cleaning with soap and water reduces number of germs, dirt and impurities on the surface, disinfecting kill’s germs on the surfaces. Practice routine cleaning and frequently touched surfaces.

5. All travel into Point Hope will be limited to those who can be verified as Essential Personnel Critical to the infrastructure of the Point Hope Community and those who need critical medical care outside of Point Hope. If you have traveled into Point Hope from another community, you may be permitted to go home to your community.

HUNKER DOWN WILL NOT AFFECT SCHOOL

1. The Tikigaq School will resume normal school hours on Wednesday January 5, 2022. Trilateral Committee came into agreement with Tikigaq School, if the community has 50 active Cases it will result in automatic closure of the Tikigaq School. Native Village of Point Hope COVID Coordinator will be working closely with the School principal during this time.

2. Parents or legal guardians will be responsible for monitoring your children for any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle and body aches, new loss of taste or smell, and other symptoms of COVID-19. If your children are currently displaying any of the above listed symptoms you are advised to keep your children home and if severe symptoms persist you are advised to go to the local clinic to be tested for COVID-19.
3. Parents will be allowed to facilitate distance learning of their school age children if that is the wish of the parent/legal guardian. Homework packets will be provided for children who will be completing work from home.

4. The community of Point Hope will still be on ACTIVE HUNKER DOWN until there is 0 active cases in the community.

The North Slope Borough School District has established COVID-19 mitigation plan for 2021-2022. This Mitigation plan can be found at the following site: www.nsbsd.org.


This Hunker Down order will be revisited on Tuesday January 18, 2022. Please encourage each other during this trying time, practice social distancing, and proper hygiene and always wear a face mask in public places.

Effective today Tuesday January 4, 2022

Each business must post a copy of this order prominently.