ATQASUK COVID-19 EMERGENCY TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION MANDATE
REVISED JANUARY 13, 2021

All Travel "To" & "From" Atqasuk by land or air will have restricted guidelines set in place before permitted entry into the community due to the dramatically increasing numbers of COVID-19 in the North Slope Borough. These guidelines have been set-fourth by the Native Village of Atqasuk Tribal Council to protect the well-being of our community members of Atqasuk, Alaska. These guidelines will remain intact until the Native Village of Atqasuk rescinds or modifies these orders. The COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm our health system, endangering the lives and wellbeing of our residents. We can take steps to slow and contain the threat, but those steps require coordinated community action. It is up to each and every individual selflessly to follow this order, village mandates, State Health Mandates, and CDC guidance to keep our region safe. Violating these requirements will endanger lives. This order is put forward to preserve the health and safety of our community while ensuring that vital goods and services continue to be available.

1. **Non-Resident Essential Workers.** Everyone currently in the village must maintain six (6) feet or more as much as possible. The only other exceptions are those working on critical infrastructure and providing critical services during working hours; Curb side pick up: to buy, sell, or deliver necessary groceries or other important goods; to receive or provide necessary health care please call Atqasuk Health Clinic for services if needed; and to conduct necessary subsistence activities while maintaining social distancing requirements. On the limited occasions when individuals need assistance, they must maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any person on duty. Only those reporting from certain critical jobs will be exempt. All entities and departments to utilize safe practicing measures as frequent sanitization, and masks, as Workers come in and out for services. All travelers entering the village through Plane or Land must submit to COVID-19 testing administered by Atqasuk Clinic & provide proof of negative test results BEFORE ROAMING IN PUBLIC, and await results of that testing before traveling within Atqasuk, or to another village. If awaiting test results, travelers must self-isolate or self-quarantine to limit potential exposure. Travelers testing positive for COVID-19 must follow quarantine instructions from Public Health Nurses. This requirement will be mandated and enforced as resources are available.

2. **At-Risk Individuals.** It is strongly recommended, in accordance with Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidance, that certain individuals within the village should take even greater precaution. That includes people particularly at risk of complications from COVID-19 such as people 60 years and older, and individuals of any age with a serious underlying condition.

3. **Potential Exposure.** Household members who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 and who are possibly contagious should be tested immediately and follow recommended quarantine measures to prevent a community outbreak.

4. **Self-Responsibility.** The continuing health and safety of our community depends on self-responsibility and adherence to this emergency order, State and local mandates, and CDC guidance. Please take responsibility for yourself, your family and friends, and your community to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
5. **Stopping Community Spread.** Community spread from recent travel continues to pose the biggest infection threat to our community. Only you can help prevent community spread of COVID-19. If you have traveled or been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes) with someone who traveled recently, you must quarantine at home for 14 days without contacting people outside your household. If you have traveled out of Alaska, you must follow State of Alaska travel mandates upon your return: [http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/SiteAssets/Pages/HumanCoV/FAQ_Travel.pdf](http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/SiteAssets/Pages/HumanCoV/FAQ_Travel.pdf)

If you have traveled outside the region without leaving Alaska, you must provide proof of a negative test within 72 hours of arrival or submit to testing as detailed.

**Covid-19 Travel Policy for Employees**

Employees traveling from off-slope to the North Slope Borough must do one of the following before returning to the workplace.

A.) Quarantine for 14-days after arrival at their final destination on slope.

Employees should isolate and social distance as much as feasible during layovers. During quarantine, employees may not visit any public spaces or have visitors, other than medical professionals, or others authorized by the North Slope Borough Incident Command Team. Employees may only leave their quarantine location for medical emergencies or to seek medical care.

B.) Obtain a negative result from a Covid-19 (SARS-CoV2 PCR) laboratory test conducted to present on hand for travel upon arrival to the North Slope Borough. This cannot be a "rapid test." Employees should isolate and social distance as much as feasible until they are notified with negative test result for Covid-19.

C.) For Employees who reside outside of the North Slope Borough, obtain a Covid-19 (SARS-CoV2 PCR) laboratory test within 5 days before departure from off-slope, and depart until a negative test result is obtained. Employees should isolate and social distance as much as feasible after the Covid-19 test is conducted until departure to the North Slope Borough.

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REVISED FEBRUARY 11, 2021 SHALL BE EFFECTIVE, FEBRUARY ___, 2021 UNTIL RESCINDED.

PRESENTED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021, BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF ATQASUK TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH ____ FOR ____ AGAINST ____ ABSTAINING

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PRESIDENT, CHERYL KIPPI        SEC/TEASURER, MARYANN BORDEAUX