



City of Wainwright

Declaration of Emergency Order #04-20 in response to COVID-19 ---Travel Update

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 provided guidelines on its operations necessary to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wainwright issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency on March 21, 2020 and issued an updated Declaration #02-20 on April 2, 2020 and finally Declaration #03-20 on July 13, 2020, supporting the State of Alaska Health Mandates and issuing local guidelines in order to more effectively contain the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Alaska issued Health Mandate 018, allowing Intrastate travel outside the Road System and Marine Highway System, subject to mandated limitations and requirements, including “protective plans” to be issued by all businesses who have staff traveling between communities in Alaska, and allowing local communities to enact limited travel restrictions; and

WHEREAS, in response to substantially increased numbers of cases of COVID-19 in the State of Alaska and the COVID-19 Community spread in Utqiagvik, Alaska on the North Slope, the City Council authorized the Travel Restrictions and Recommendations listed below, effective August 21, 2020; and

NOW 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 #04-20, effective from August 21, 2020 until further notice, to support all statewide Health Mandates and Health Alerts, and, pursuant to Alaska Health Mandate #18 allowing local communities to enact limited travel restrictions, hereby issues the Travel Recommendations listed below necessary to contain the spread of COVID-19:

1. **Arriving into Wainwright by Land, Air or Sea (Residents and Non-Residents NOT on Business or Work-Related Travel). Due to the Community Spread in our Hub of Utqiagvik, Alaska:**
 - a. **NON-RESIDENTS: ENCOURAGED NOT TO TRAVEL INTO WAINWRIGHT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. This does not apply to Workers or Travelers protected under Mandate 18.**
 - b. **RESIDENTS: STRONGLY ENCOURAGED NOT TO TRAVEL OUT OF WAINWRIGHT UNLESS YOU HAVE CRITICAL PERSONAL NEEDS OR REQUIRE ESSENTIAL SERVICES. If a resident must travel, they shall do the following upon returning to Wainwright:**
 - i. Travelers are strongly encouraged to take the COVID-19 test available at Alaska Airlines or Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital in Utqiagvik or in their other point of origin upon arrival into Wainwright.
 - ii. Travelers including everyone in their household, is strongly encouraged to self-quarantine and follow social distancing measures, avoid public places until negative results are received and provided to the City of Wainwright;

- iii. Travelers MUST take another COVID-19 test at the Health Clinic as soon as possible after arriving in Wainwright. Traveler and their household need to self-quarantine and follow social distancing measures until negative results are received and provided to the City of Wainwright.
- iv. Travelers are highly encouraged to take a third test 7-14 days after arrival, in order to capture the virus after possible incubation period of up to 14 days.
- v. A traveler or resident who is returning to Wainwright, who does not wish to take a COVID-19 test, must minimize all contact while traveling and must self-quarantine for 14 days when they return to their declared destination of Wainwright. EVERYONE in the household must self-quarantine for 14 days also.

2. Critical Infrastructure and Essential Services Employees arriving in Wainwright

- a. Critical Infrastructure and Essential Services employees are subject to the Protective Plan filed by their employers with the State and the City of Wainwright. These plans cover the measures taken to ensure that the employee has a negative test for COVID-19 or 14 days self-quarantine before arriving in Wainwright and includes requirements for monitoring health and minimizing contact with the community;
 - b. Copies of employers' Community Protection Plans are retained at the City Office.
3. Wainwright Local Employers may have additional restrictions for their employees' travel, testing, workplace and community COVID-19 precautions.
4. Individuals traveling for Critical Infrastructure/Essential Services and Critical Personal Needs may not be subject to any automatic quarantine or isolation on arrival, except as allowed under Alaska Statutes or Health Mandates.
- a. "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."
 - b. "Critical Infrastructure Travel" is defined as businesses included in "Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure" (formerly Attachment A) available on the State of Alaska COVID-19 website.
 - c. Essential Services personnel include Emergency First Responders, Law Enforcement or Office of Children's Services personnel
5. In order to protect our community from the spread of COVID-19, the City highly recommends that all individuals voluntarily follow the COVID-19 testing and self-quarantine measures in this Order 04-20.
6. ALL TRAVELERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ANY PUBLIC PLACES WHILE SELF-QUARANTINING AND TO FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES UNTIL NEGATIVE RESULTS ARE RECEIVED AND PROVIDED TO THE CITY, OR YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE 14 DAY QUARANTINE PERIOD, IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO DO ANY COVID-19 TESTING.

EFFECTIVE the 21st day of August, 2020.



 Raymond H. Nashookpuk, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Ronnie Morales, Acting City Clerk