



THORNE BAY ALASKA MAYOR STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

ORDER OF THE MAYOR TO HUNKER DOWN AND SHELTER IN PLACE

Date: April 11, 2020

For Immediate Release

Under State of Emergency the Mayor has issued an order to all residents to Hunker Down and Shelter in Place!

On April 10, 2020, Prince of Wales Island had their first (1st) confirmed case of the COVID-19 virus.

In response to the recently confirmed case, the Mayor have issued an order effective April 11, 2020, that **ALL RESIDENTS hunker down, shelter in place, and stay home** order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 virus is extremely contagious and has increased rapidly with an estimated average of 12 new cases of COVID-19 per day in Alaska. **We need to stop the spread now.**

Pursuant to this emergency order, the Mayor requires that you limit your trips out of your home to **ONCE PER DAY** for essential business activities.

This includes trips to the post office, grocery store, Liquor Store, gas station and other businesses that conduct essential business.

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As a reminder we want to assure the public that vital services such as emergency, fire, police, and grocery stores will remain functioning and open and available. However, hours of operations for these places have been reduced so please make sure that these places are open before venturing out of your home.

Residents who are healthy and do not believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 may shop at grocery stores but are asked to do without lingering. If you go out, practice health directives such as handwashing and social distancing by staying six feet away from others. Please help prevent the COVID-19 virus from reaching POW Island.

In keeping with the mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy on March 21, 2020, we remind our citizens to practice social distancing and that **no gatherings of more than 10 people may take place**, and if a gathering does take place people must be 6 feet apart from each other.

We encourage citizens to follow these CDC recommendations:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often;
- Avoid touching your nose, face and mouth;
- Use sanitizer that is at least 60 percent alcohol;
- Avoid people who are sick to help protect yourself;
- To protect others, stay home if you are sick, cover coughs and sneezes, clean and disinfect surfaces, and remember that you could be asymptomatic but still carrying the virus.

If you are sick or suspect that you may be infected with the COVID-19 virus, you should take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community and contact your healthcare provider immediately for instructions on what to do next.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, **call your healthcare provider for medical advice.**

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Additional current information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at www.coronavirus.alaska.gov.

Please continue to practice social distancing of 6 feet or more during your trip out from your home.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee Q. Burger".

Lee Q. Burger, Mayor

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