

## **Memorandum**

**Date:** April 16, 2020

**To:** Seasonal Business Owners and Operators

**From:** Mayor, City of Gustavus

**Subject:** **Expectations for business operations during pandemic emergency**

**References:** Alaska Covid-19 Health Mandate 010, Interstate and Intrastate Travel and Self Quarantine, dated 3/27/20.  
Alaska Covid-19 Health Mandate 011, Social Distancing, dated 3/23/20  
Alaska Covid-19 Health Mandate 012, Intrastate Travel, dated 3/27/20  
Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order (Formerly "Attachment A"), Amended April 10, 2020  
Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order (Attachment B), Amended April 9, 2020  
City of Gustavus Resolutions CY20-12 & -13, amended April 14, 2020  
City of Gustavus Covid-19 Travel Advisory

### **Dear Business Owners and Operators:**

This is a difficult time for all. The community of Gustavus is working hard to protect everyone in the community from infection by the Covid-19 disease. Gustavus has only a tiny medical clinic with a single practitioner, which could be overwhelmed by even one Covid-19 case. If the practitioner becomes infected, we will have no practitioner at all. Further, we have very few EMT's available. Any who respond to a Covid-19 case would afterwards have to quarantine, separate from their families, rendering them unavailable for future responses. We have no cases within the community to date and we are doing everything we can to assure that the disease does not enter and spread through Gustavus.

To those ends the City of Gustavus has adopted and expects all businesses to comply with requirements of the State Health Mandates issued to date and as they may be amended. Community members are cooperating by self-quarantining if they have travelled, and by following social distancing requirements, eliminating social gatherings, minimizing trips to retail facilities and the post office, using recommended face coverings in occupied public places, and eliminating non-essential travel to other communities.

We ask you to commit to doing your part to protect our community from contagion, by adhering to the requirements of the referenced Mandates and City of Gustavus resolutions and Travel Advisory. The City intends to enforce compliance to the greatest extent allowed under State of Alaska law as described in Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order referenced above. A list of key requirements applicable to seasonal businesses, such as charter fishing, is included in the referenced City of Gustavus Covid-19 Travel Advisory.

If your business requires mobilizing staff and/or clients from outside Gustavus, we strongly urge you not to attempt to operate your business until the danger of the pandemic is entirely past. We sadly doubt that safe conditions for operation will be reached before July 1, 2020 and perhaps not at all during summer 2020. We will advise you when the City has determined it is safe to resume seasonal visitor activities. We are sorry to have reached this determination because we normally welcome visitors to our community. We strongly believe our stand is vital to protect the lives and safety of our residents.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Mayor