

# SITUATION REPORT

**1. Incident Name:** Gustavus Alaska 2020 COVID-19 Response

2. Incident #  
SITREP #3

3. Date/Time:  
September 16, 2020  
1400hrs

4. Prepared By:  
[Travis Miller, Gustavus Fire Chief](#),  
Incident Commander

5. Jurisdiction Name:  
[City of Gustavus, Alaska](#)

## 6. COVID-19 Confirmed Cases Status and Testing Results

Gustavus Case Count					SEARHC Local Testing Results				
Positive Cases	Resident Cases	Non-Resident Cases	Hospitalizations required	Recoverd Cases	Total Tests Performed	Test Results Pending	Negative Test Results	Positive Test	Unique Positive Patients
6	1	5	0	6	712	22	684	6	5
*One positive case is from someone who tested out of state prior to departing into Alaska and was still waiting results upon arrival					*One patient tested positive on two separate tests. * Data includes dinic, airport & asymptomatic sites				

## 7. General Situation - Red text indicates new information from the last published update & a strikethrough indicates the task is done or the item was denied

### COVID-19 Alaska Specific Current Information:

- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- Alaska COVID-19 Health [Alerts](#) and [Mandates](#):
  - May 12, 2020 Health Mandate 18: Intrastate Travel (*revised 7/5/20*)
  - April 23, 2020 Health Mandate 17: Protective Measures Comm. Fishing Vessels (*revised 5/27/20*)
  - April 15, 2020 Health Mandate 15: Services by Health Care Providers (*revised 6/17/20*)
  - April 13, 2020 Health Mandate 14: Non-congregate Sheltering Order (*revised 4/23/20*)
  - April 3, 2020 Health Alert 10: Recommendations Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Masks
  - March 13, 2020 Health Alert 04: Recommendations for Keeping Communities Safe
  - March 11, 2020 Health Mandate 10: Interstate and International Travel (*revised 8/6/20*)

### COVID-19 Gustavus Specific Current Information:

- City of Gustavus [COVID-19 Response Page](#)
- Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium ([SEARHC](#)) [COVID-19 Page](#)
- Need non-medical assistance while Isolating? Contact: [Gustavus Helping Gustavus](#)
- City of Gustavus COVID-19 related Resolutions
  - July 13, 2020 [CY20-20 Mandating the Wearing of Cloth Face Masks](#)
  - June 8, 2020 [CY20-16 Regarding Access to Marine Facilities](#)
  - March 24, 2020 [CY20-11 Declaring a Local Emergency COVID-19](#)

### **COVID-19 Gustavus Command Objectives:**

- Safeguard health & safety of personnel and the public
- Slow/stop the spread of COVID-19 in to Gustavus
- Increase COVID-19 testing capacity
- Care for the sick
- [Provide public information](#)

### **COVID-19 Gustavus EOC Current Actions:**

- Managing the Point of Entry screening and testing for interstate travel into the City of Gustavus
  - August 11<sup>th</sup> Mandate 10.1 change. All nonresident travelers in the SOA will be required to have negative or pending results within 72 hours of departure or pay \$250 for a test.
  - Resident testing is now open and free for most passengers

### **Operations**

- Volunteer fabric artists have manufactured and distributed over 500 reusable masks for the public. They are also working on creating reusable gowns for the medical personnel.
- ~~Formed the Travel Advisory Branch. Their jobs will be to answer questions on traveling into Gustavus (residents, visitors, essential services, etc.) and collect/evaluate all forms and documents required by the State of Alaska.~~ Group was demobilized after State Mandate 11 attachment b was revised.
- ~~Two travel declaration collection group volunteers are meeting every Alaska Seaplanes flight assisting them with filling out the form and informing them about the resources in town during their quarantine.~~ During April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup> 70 people filled out the local Travel Declaration Form.
- Held a town hall meeting with SEARHC, DHSS, and the FD to talk about their plans and what happens when a person tests positive for COVID-19. At the peak 98 accounts were viewing the meeting.
- The SEARHC Clinic has acquired an Abbot Rapid test. Currently, if you get tested the clinic will rapidly test the patient and send a “normal” test to the state lab.
- SEARHC came to town and N95 fit test GVFD volunteers, NPS and the clinic staff.
- Negotiated a contract with the State to do Point of Entry (POE) screening and testing at Alaska Airlines. The contract allows up to have 5 people on site for each flight. We were 1 of 7 airports that were testing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day mandate 10.1 started. SEARHC has the contract that supplies and does the testing on the samples that collected.
- The SEARHC Gustavus clinic can test all asymptomatic individuals in town, Saturdays starting August 1<sup>st</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm.
  - 8/1 - 30 people tested – No positives
  - 8/8 - 24 people tested – 1 positive nonresident
  - 8/15- 35 people tested – no positives
  - 8/22 – 29 people tested – no positives
  - 8/29 – 19 people tested – no positives
  - 9/5 – 24 people tested – no positives
  - 9/12 – 24 people tested

- The SEARHC Clinic will be offering free testing to all students and staff every Tuesday until further notice.
  - 8/3 – 5 people tested – no positives
  - 8/10 – 5 people tested - no positives
  - 8/17 – 7 people tested – No positives
  - 8/25 - 3 people tested – No positives
  - 9/2 – 7 people tested – No positives
  - 9/8 – 7 people tested – no positives
  - 9/15 – 3 people tested
- The state supplied Gustavus a Western Shelter Tent that is set up at the Airport to conduct Point of Entry Screening and Testing. It came with lighting (no generator) and heating. When the season is over the tent will be stored for emergencies in the future.
- The Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Association has sponsored multiple free hand sanitizer refill days, Big Dipper Mask give away and UVC mask disinfectant.

### Planning

- Planning Section continues to evaluate seasonal workers/fishing industry and how to safely allow it to coexist within our community safely with the ~~Travel Advisory Branch~~ council and Gustavus Visitors Association.
- The Volunteer Resources Unit Leader will be working with Gustavus helping Gustavus group and other local non-profits to create a volunteer database and identify volunteers
- COG Council formed an Economic Impact workgroup to be headed by Susan Warner
- ~~COG has formed a Business Resource Center to be set up if needed~~
- SEARHC is starting free asymptomatic testing for people starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is happening every Saturday until December 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- The EOC continues to communicate and educate the visitor industry to make sure they are current with state and city regulations regarding traveling, testing, and CWPP are submitted to the state.
- Working with the State acquire CWPP that the lodges and charter operators are required to submit to the SEOC and get their updated copies.
- Assisted the Mayor on drafting a letter to Commissioner Crum's office asking for stricter travel restrictions if needed. We are still waiting to hear back from them.

### Logistics

- ~~Working to obtain PPE through various avenues with other communities as a group.~~
- Megan Bishop has been keeping up on inventory of GVFD supplies
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  - Contract has been extended through the end of October 2020
- State of Alaska EOC 213 Resource Request for Gustavus
  - 9/15/2020: Communication materials (stickers, street signs)
  - 9/15/2020: 6 boxes of gloves, thermometer, disinfectant wipes (POE)
  - 8/20/2020: ~~1000 disposable surgical masks~~ SEOC gave us 500 cloth masks instead (school)

- 8/14/2020: Communication materials (sticker, road signs, flyers)
- 7/29/2020: 500-SOA big dipper masks (COG), disinfect wipes & 2-gallon hand sanitizer (POE)
- 7/18/2020: ~~Generator for the MMRS tent (POE)~~
- 7/08/2020: 2000 cloth masks from the Fed DHSS supply cache (COG) (received 4000)
- 6/17/2020: infrared thermometers, 500-surgical mask, 12-boxes of gloves, 100 gowns (POE)
- 6/05/2020: Refrigerator for test samples (POE), ~~disinfectant spray/wipes (GVFD)~~
- 6/05/2020: POE screeners, 1000-surgical masks, 1000-pairs of gloves, 100-goggles(10), wall tent, stanchions, screener supplies (POE )
- Working with the State acquire CWPP that the lodges and charter operators are required to submit to the SEOC and get their updated copies.
- COG council approved purchasing a generator for the MMRS shelter. Currently getting a quote from Western Shelter.

**Finance**

- Has been helping with payments and tracking all spending done by the EOC.

**Public Information Office (PIO)**

- PIO office continues to release social media, email news group and posting updates. (various FAQ's, PHN tracing and testing, community updates, SEARHC info, etc.)
- EOC has provided input/recommendations to be submitted to the Governor on reopening Alaska's economy.
- Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Association held a Social Distancing MEME contest. It held on Facebook, had three age categories and have over 50 entries in total.
- ~~Job Description for a temporary part time PIO was posted 7/24/2020. (no apps as 8/19)~~
- Sitka Fire Department donated some road signs that can be seen in front of the FD.
- New signage being made and put up as necessary. (travel into Ak, COG rule 3, etc.)
- Posting testing data at minimum of once a week (website, email, social media, post office)

**8. Road Closures**

- None

**9. Current Sheltering/Evacuation Status**

a. Number of Shelters Open	0
b. Total Registered at Shelter	0
c. Total Sheltered Last Night	0

**10. Current Priority Needs**

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**11. Future Outlook/Planned Actions**

- State is talking about a vaccine as early January for general public
- Local testing for intrastate travel after 10/31/220

**12. Weather (current and projected)**

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**13. Other Comments**

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**14. State Emergency Operations Center**

**Hours:**

Full EOC staffing during regular business hours,  
Duty Officer/Comm Center after hours

**SEOC Preparedness Level:**

**Level 2 – for COVID-19 Response**

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**15. Approved by:**



# Gustavus COVID-19 Response Incident Management Team

