

Closed Campus Proposal for high-risk/seasonal business.

- All visitors shall test prior to arrival in Gustavus. If a visitor or employee arrives in Gustavus without a test, they are required to practice extreme social distancing until first test results return. Extreme social distancing is defined as no eating in communal dining rooms, no shared sleeping accommodations, no interaction with community members or visitation of public spaces. Exception for emergent personal needs such as medical care.
- All individuals shall wear masks or cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth when inside public buildings or communal spaces outside of their primary lodging. This includes retail businesses, Post Office, public docks and restrooms.
- All visitors staying less than 14 days will have minimal contact with local businesses and community members.
- Staff of businesses that host primarily out of state visitors are considered at elevated risk for transmission of the virus. As such these staff members will be directed to have minimal contact with local retailers and restaurants, and community members. This is especially important for staff and boat captains living off campus and in the community.
- Groceries, alcohol, garbage, mail and other services shall be dealt with using no or minimal contact methods.
- Any visitor or staff member shall quarantine immediately and tested at the SERHC Gustavus Clinic, if they develop symptoms of elevated temperature, cough, sore throat, flu like aches, fatigue, diarrhea or abdominal pain. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>)
- Upon a positive test result within a business, staff or visitor, the business agrees to close for 72 hours to carryout a deep clean and disinfection of physical property. (<https://www/cdc/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>)
- Each business shall designate a representative responsible for monitoring visitors and staff for compliance. The business representative shall have a contact number on file with the City of Gustavus.

The SARS-COV-2 and subsequent disease of Covid-19 is currently infecting record levels of Americans. Thirty-three states and Alaska are now reporting the highest daily increases in infections recorded during the entire course of this pandemic. States that were able to “open up” their economies are now having to reverse or hold that reopening to slow the spread of this raging disease.

On June 26th a working group of business owners, and community members took part in a meeting to discuss a daunting task: find a way to keep Covid-19 out of Gustavus while allowing businesses to operate in a manor that is safe for visitors, staff and community. That meeting was productive. The charter fishing industry was well represented and offered the beginning structure of the “closed campus” model which is presented here.

There has been some perception of singling out the charter fishing lodges in an unfair way. That is not the case but simply the math. The charter fishing industry brings 30-60

visitors into Gustavus every week throughout the summer! The odds are great that one of these visitors arriving from a state with high infection rates will bring the virus to Gustavus. In fact this has already come to pass.

The closed campus proposal presented here is strict, even narrow. It is built upon the seafood industry model in Alaska, designed to sequester workers from the community. It works. So processors can function while limiting risk to the community.

The Lindblad tours will practice this form of sequestration when they arrive in Gustavus later this summer. They will be tested and “bubble up” before flying into Gustavus where they will disembark their private jet onto a private bus and shuttle directly to the dock in Bartlett Cove. No restroom stops, no pictures or souvenir purchases. Strict, safe, and what tourism looks like in the summer of 2020.

Most of us hope to be as safe as possible; all of us hope our business and our way of life weather this storm.