

SLEETMUTE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

P.O. Box 109 Sleetmute, Alaska 99668



Resolution No. 2020-09

Tribal Declaration of Public Health Emergency

The novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 is a foreign virus that can cause severe and fatal pneumonia and organ failure in elders and people with pre-existing health conditions including diabetes, asthma, heart disease, and lung disease.

COVID-19 is spread through the air and can be breathed in or contracted from surfaces that have been infected.

People infected with COVID-19 may not show symptoms for up to 14 days, but can still infect other people without knowing.

WHEREAS, The Sleetmute Traditional Council is the governing body for the community of Sleetmute Alaska; and

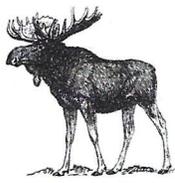
WHEREAS, The foreign novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has spread throughout the world, including Alaska, and has now been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can be deadly for elders and people with pre-existing health complications; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spread through the air from person-to-person through breathing, coughing, or sneezing and from contact by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it; and

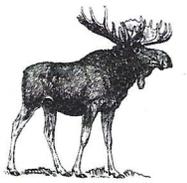
WHEREAS, The President of the United States has issued guidance intended to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Sleetmute Traditional Council declares a Public Health Emergency to protect the people of the Native Village of Sleetmute from the new threat, COVID-19. We will follow the guidance of the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and health professionals in implementing urgent health strategies. To protect our people, our community, and our traditional way of life from this sickness, the following policies and strategies will be formally adopted and effective immediately:

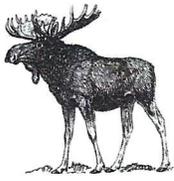


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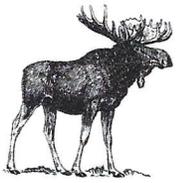


- All non-resident and non-essential travel into Sleetmute is strongly discouraged via airplane, snow machine, four wheeler, and/or boat. Essential travel for non-residents (those who live in Midway and Red Devil) will be permitted for going to the store and Post Office only, and must leave right afterwards. Medical personnel and technical assistance will be permitted to arrive in Sleetmute. This will be required until the COVID-19 threat has subsided.
- Residents who are returning to the community will have a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine in which they are to have no contact with other people for the protection of our people. This quarantine will extend to the whole household. If a resident is currently in quarantine, and another household member returns to the community, the 14-day quarantine is reset. The quarantine shall last at least 14-days, and they should take their temperature 3 times a day, even if the person is healthy and shows no symptoms. If the person does become sick, self-quarantine for the whole household shall last for an additional 14-days from the last date they report symptoms, or until medical attention is needed.
- It is the resident's responsibility to notify the Sleetmute Traditional Council of their departure or arrival to and from Sleetmute.
- Elders and people with pre-existing health conditions need to stay home and limit contact with others substantially. Maintaining a distance of at least six feet can protect a person from a cough or sneeze, but the virus can live on surfaces like a table or door handle for days.
- Residents are advised to follow the CDC guidelines for disinfecting their homes regularly, focusing on places and objects that are often touched such as: counters, doorknobs, phones, light switches, etc.. Residents are also advised to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer, especially after coming in contact with another person, after getting mail, and picking up groceries at the store.
- All community and social gatherings or activities should be cancelled until the COVID-19 threat has subsided.



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Sleetmute Traditional Council adopted this resolution at a meeting held on this 3rd day of April, 2020 at Sleetmute, Alaska and a quorum was duly established. This resolution was passed by a vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

ATTESTED BY:

Ellen Yako,

President

Agnes Sanford,

Vice President