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### **MUNICIPAL PREPAREDNESS FOR COVID-19**

**Skagway, Alaska, 2/28/2020** – At this time there are no known cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Skagway or Alaska. The Municipality of Skagway (MOS) is continually monitoring COVID-19 and will continue to provide statements and informational documents as information is gathered. The MOS remains in frequent contact with state and federal authorities as well as private industry to maintain readiness.

As a precaution the Dahl Memorial Clinic (DMC) has stocked extra supplies and continually monitors CDC recommendations for needed procedures and supplies. The DMC staff have been provided with an algorithm to scan for possible COVID-19 infection. The DMC has a negative pressure room to isolate a patient with the potential to be infected with COVID-19 and the MOS has identified accommodations for individuals to self-isolate if they lack the ability to self-isolate. To summarize, Skagway is doing everything it can to be fully prepared for the potential introduction of COVID-19 to the Skagway community.

The MOS recommends that the public observe droplet precautions (such as maintaining 3-foot distance, coughing into elbows and not hands), wash hands thoroughly and often, and disinfect surfaces regularly. This will also help prevent the spread of flu types A and B and other known viruses. If you have traveled through large international airports or in places with confirmed coronavirus and you develop a fever 2-14 days afterward, you should call the Dahl Memorial Clinic (907-983-2255, or after hours 907-983-2025) to speak with a provider. All patients entering the Dahl Memorial Clinic will be screened for viral illnesses, but we do advise those with fevers to call before coming to the clinic in order protect those with compromised immune systems.