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## CHANGES TO MASK MANDATE FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS; NOTIFICATIONS

**Skagway, Alaska, December 21, 2021** – The Borough Manager has made changes to the current mask mandate for municipal buildings in line with the Borough Assembly's recommendations for face coverings (Res. No. 21-09R), and to the procedure for issuing press releases regarding coronavirus cases.

Individuals in municipal facilities, with the exceptions noted below, will now be able to remove their masks if they maintain six (6) feet of social distancing. All persons are required to wear face coverings when inside Municipality of Skagway buildings that are open to the public, when six (6) feet of social distancing is not possible.

**Exceptions**: This does not supersede the Skagway's School's policy, which is a standalone management plan that includes extensive testing. Additionally, the mask mandate will remain in place for the Dahl Memorial Clinic due to the vulnerable population utilizing the facility.

The Municipality will no longer provide individual press releases for every positive coronavirus case in Skagway as it occurs. Instead, the Municipality will provide specific announcements when there is a need for increased protective measures in the community, such as when there is a high probability of community spread. The Municipality will continue to update the number of coronavirus cases each business day at <a href="https://www.skagway.org/COVID19">www.skagway.org/COVID19</a>.

All community members, including those who are vaccinated, are reminded to wash your hands, social distance, wear a mask in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, and get tested if you are sick.

For the most recent active and recovered case counts, visit www.skagway.org/COVID19.

The current active case count in Skagway is: 1