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### **COVID-19 MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

***Skagway, Alaska, 3/11/2020*** – 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. The Dahl Memorial Clinic (DMC) has implemented screening measures and secured supplies to manage infectious disease.

Today the State of Alaska declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency to mitigate and respond to the ongoing concerns posed by COVID-19. In response to this new information the MOS has activated the local EOC at level 2 so that we are prepared to respond to developments. At the community level we are asking residents to take reasonable precautions to mitigate transmission within Skagway and protect our at-risk population. Personal protective measures include staying at home when sick, handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes and cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily.

Residents 60 years and older and those with underlying conditions, including compromised immune systems, are urged to immediately take special precautions. Federal and State agencies recommend social distancing, including staying away from congregate settings and maintaining a distance of 6 feet from others when possible. All other prevention protocols should also be followed.

If you traveled abroad recently to/through China, Italy, South Korea, Iran, Japan or other areas of known coronavirus outbreak it is highly recommended you self-isolate for 14 days. If you or someone you know is experiencing symptoms, please call DMC at 983-2255 for instructions. Do not proceed to the clinic without calling first.

For more information visit [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov) or call 2-1-1 for the Department of Health and Social Services non-medical information line.