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## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

*Skagway, Alaska, 3/13/2020* – At this time there are no known cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Skagway. Yesterday, State of Alaska officials confirmed the state's first coronavirus case. 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.

In response to the arrival of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in Alaska, the MOS is evaluating mitigating protocols as part of our community Emergency Response and Preparedness. As this is a continually evolving situation, we encourage residents to continue to monitor CDC guidelines and watch for MOS updates.

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 has been in close contact with a person known to have the disease, and you develop a fever and a cough or difficulty breathing, please call DMC at 983-2255 or after hours at 983-2025 for instructions. Do not proceed to the clinic without calling first.

For more information visit <u>www.cdc.gov/COVID19</u>.