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

**Skagway, Alaska, March 16, 2020** – The Municipality of Skagway (MOS) is working diligently to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community. The Emergency Operations Center has been meeting daily to update response protocols with the latest information from the CDC, the White House, and the State of Alaska. We ask that everyone follow these guidelines until further notice:

- If you are planning on returning to Skagway and have not already departed, we recommend you remain in your current location until further notice. This does not apply to people whose primary residence is Skagway.
- If you're already returning to Skagway and have traveled overseas or through Seattle or Vancouver, or are driving up from the Lower 48, we ask that you self-isolate for 14 days.
- Please notify the Dahl Memorial Clinic {(907) 983-2255, or after hours (907) 983-2025} when you return to Skagway.
- If you do not have a place to self-isolate, notify the Dahl Memorial Clinic staff so that a room can be made available.
- If you are an independent entity or private board, please cancel all non-essential meetings or hold them via teleconference until further notice.
- Every resident should practice social distancing at all times and in all public and private venues, including daycare, restaurants, bars, businesses, etc.
- Follow all existing CDC protocols.
- We recommend that non-essential at-risk staff work from home until further notice.

Please note that the MOS is taking the following actions in addition to current protocols:

- All non-essential committee meetings are canceled until March 30. The Finance Committee and Assembly will still meet as scheduled.
- Assembly members are encouraged to attend meetings via teleconference.
- Community members are encouraged to stay at home and listen to the Assembly meetings via the live stream link at [www.khns.org](http://www.khns.org) (link is only active 15 minutes prior to the

meeting). In addition, the audio from each Assembly meeting will be uploaded and accessible on the meeting webpage.

- Community members are encouraged to submit public comments for Assembly meetings in writing by emailing them to the clerk at [e.deach@skagway.org](mailto:e.deach@skagway.org).
- Any public in attendance at an Assembly meeting is asked to maintain at least 6-feet between attendees.

These actions are being taken to protect the health of every Skagway resident. COVID-19 carriers in their 20's rarely show symptoms, which puts our senior population at high risk. We recommend that everyone over 60 years of age be extra diligent when it comes to following social distancing protocols, especially in common areas like the bank, post office, airport, and ferry terminal.

While Dahl Memorial Clinic staff have been preparing to handle the coronavirus pandemic for more than a month, the facility has limited facilities for critical patients. Our goal is to minimize risk to the population at large and clinic staff by doing everything in our power to control the spread of COVID-19. Please note that there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Skagway at this time.

Thank you to all Skagway businesses who are proactively addressing COVID-19 risks by offering curbside pickup, home delivery, or closing entirely. Let's continue to work as a community to protect one another's health.