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SKAGWAY REOPENING UPDATES

Skagway, Alaska, April 22, 2020 – Since March 11, 2020 the Municipality of Skagway has been working diligently to protect the residents of Skagway and limit the spread of COVID-19. Through the support of residents and local businesses alike, your efforts have resulted in **zero** confirmed cases in our community. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to the wellbeing of the community.

Yesterday, Governor Dunleavy outlined his plan for reopening Alaska, citing a low incidence of infection. To date, our Municipal guidelines have mirrored state and federal mandates. We will continue this course of action going forward. Phase I of Governor Dunleavy's plan indicates many non-essential businesses can reopen with safeguards in place. For Skagway businesses choosing to reopen, state-specified criteria must be followed. State mandates regarding mandatory reporting and self-isolation upon arrival in Alaska, and restricted travel between Alaskan communities are still in effect.

In response to Governor Dunleavy's announcement, the Municipality is ending its mandate that people shelter-in-place within the Skagway Borough beginning April 24, 2020, but the state mandate regarding social distancing is still in effect until further notice. However, we continue to encourage our at-risk population and their families to continue to follow the shelter-in-place guidelines to protect their health and safety.

The following local mandates will remain in effect until further notice:

- **Self-Isolation for 14 days upon arrival to Skagway.** Self-isolation means do not go to work, school or public areas. Do not have visitors, such as friends and family, where you are self-isolating. Do not go out to buy food, visit the post office or collect medicine – order them by phone or online, or ask someone else to drop them off at your home.
- **Social Distancing and use of protective face masks in public.** Social distancing means staying at least six feet away from other people to avoid spreading illness and reducing your chances of catching COVID-19. We encourage residents to continue to wash their hands, use hand sanitizer, and disinfect surfaces.

We expect to have additional updates as more information becomes available from Governor Dunleavy and the State of Alaska.