

## Dahl Memorial Clinic

## Municipality of Skagway

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## **Public Notice RE: Testing Supply Shortage**

Due to a nationwide Abbott COVID-19 testing supply shortage, the Dahl Memorial Clinic (DMC) is critically low on testing supplies. DMC will begin using the Cue, a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), to continue testing. However, we cannot sustain previous levels of testing four people every half hour.

DMC will prioritize testing for individuals with high risk of Covid, specifically symptomatic and close contact testing. If you are scheduled to test for recreational travel to Canada, we recommend postponing testing and travel at this time in order to conserve remaining inventory. As our test supplies dwindle, we may need to begin canceling appointments for these recreational travel COVID-19 tests.

Additionally, we as a community have benefitted from fast, ample, and inexpensive or free testing due to the testing efforts of DMC and SEARHC/Skagway Traditional Council (STC). We ask that all citizens test responsibly and help us conserve test supplies. If you tested at DMC or STC, quarantine until test results come back and DO NOT schedule a duplicate test at the other facility in the same time frame.

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