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My comments and information to the City of Dillingham to adjust ordinances responding to the COVID virus including emergency order 1.1. In order of preference:

**1) Eliminate the city quarantine and travel form requirements now.**

2) If #1 above is not adopted: Develop clear standards using measurable statistics and data to assess COVID virus threat in Dillingham and Census area. If at all possible seek medical advisement to describe clearly what are the COVID concern levels: high, medium and low, in clear hard numbers and terms.

- The City adopted Ordinance 2020-22(S) in November 2020.

**Section 3. Authorization of Emergency Authority,**

B. The City Manager, through consultation with the EOC and public health expert, shall implement metrics for determining when to increase or decrease required mitigation measures. The metrics should be communicated to the public.

**Has the City developed a list or protocol as directed in 2020-022(s)?**

**Is it published and if so where is it?**

**Has the city made use of it to evaluate our current situation?**

3) If #1 above is not adopted, review city access regulations for the PAF Boat Yard and regulatory pressures on the yard operator for the commercial season. New rules should be put in place as soon as possible to allow the industry to gear up. Regulations should be relaxed or eliminated and should refer to City COVID threat level standards (#2). The city should consider known data, likely threats (or lack) of spread in the normal operation of the yard.

4) If option 1 is not adopted: Review city access and use regulations for City facilities, the Boat Harbor and boat ramps. I am particularly concerned for the subsistence, commercial, sport, and hunting seasons. Any regulation should refer to COVID threat level standards adopted by the City (#2); consider known data on likely threats (or lack) of spread in the normal operation of the facilities.

5) Open Dillingham to day tourism and business. The quarantine restrictions make it unnecessarily hard for lodges, some guides and especially tourists to come to town to do business. I question the necessity of quarantine restrictions given what we know today. The quarantine is truly an obstacle to business and our community economy.

6) Restore in-person City Council meetings ASAP. Hold them in a school gym if needed.

Suggested Dashboard if the city feels the need to continue to maintain one.

Emergency standards / metrics

- weekly CDC risk level - adjust for small populations
- local infection levels per day or week, increasing or decreasing
- incidence of community spread
- infection rate statewide, increasing or decreasing.
- average number of infections requiring hospitalizations or medevac.
- proportion of population vaccinated .local and state wide
- average number of hospital beds available locally
- average number of ICU beds available in Anchorage.

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**Suggested Dash board for Dillingham City**

3/10/2021

Data presented is Dillingham Census area unless otherwise noted.

Resident plus non resident

<b>Dillingham</b>			<b>Statewide</b>	
Official State Risk level	per ADN		?	
Southwest Ak 3-10	LOW <5/100K			
	<b>Daily</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Cases Resident only</b>	0	185	150	57,304
<b>Current Hospitalization census area</b>	0	5	37	1,301
<b>Deaths</b>	0	1	0	301
<b>Available Beds</b>				
	Kanakanak	?? 16	AK ICU	31
<b>Recoveries</b>				
<b>Vaccinations full date (3-8)</b>		779		122,823 (3-10)
<b>Vaccination % of eligible population as of date (3-9)</b>		49.90%		16.90%

Including the daily time line and cumulative for cases for Dlg and census area might be still be useful.

March 11, 2021 Dan Dunaway

**Questions for Dillingham Leadership to consider in developing any ongoing COVID Ordinances**

Below are a number of questions I request the mayor council and manger to review and THEN consider what the status of Dillingham should be regarding covid protective measures. I hope you take the time to answer every one possible including seeking information from the medical sources.

- How many of the 76 ( or 109) cases EVER detected here became significantly sick?
- What proportion of the 76/109 cases here were due to community spread vs travel from outside the area?
- Have the few "accidents" ( October, early Feb) been quickly and effectively addressed?
- Has Kanakanak admitted any COVID patients since March 2020?
  
- How many people have been hospitalized for COVID at Kanakanak?
- Are there any current COVID patients in Kanakanak?
- What has been the observed survival rate among local residents who contracted COVID?
- Is Kanakanak Hospital overwhelmed; how many beds on average are occupied for all uses?
- Do Dillingham and King Salmon have good medevac capacity?
- Are current commercial flights to Anchorage limited or disrupted?
- How many local COVID patients have been transported or medevaced to another community for treatment since last March?
- Are Anchorage Hospitals currently overwhelmed? How many are in treatment ANTHC?
- What is the current 7 day average ICU availability statewide?
- What is the typical occupancy level of hospital ICUs for sustainable operations (COVID or no COVID)?
- Did Bristol Bay suffer ANY infections (community spread) last summer (thru September 15) from the thousands of people in the commercial fishery and tourists who came to the region?
- Has the city leadership recently sought advice from epidemiological specialists - what was that advice and when was it last provided or requested?
- Do we have 49.9+ of our age 20+ population vaccinated (~32% of entire population)?
- How many of our population have fully recovered from COVID and hence carry some measure of immunity for 90 days to possibly 8 months?
- What is the evidence regarding current vaccinations resisting the Covid variants?
- The hospital has 4 COVID quality ventilators even tho current practice is to avoid their use. Since July, what other critical equipment has the hospital acquired to be more prepared?
- What is the current knowledge on the persistence / “infectiveness” of the virus in out door conditions and surfaces?
- Do the medical experts consider surface contacts a significant threat in locations like the boat harbor or boat yard?
- Are our schools open and running with a new plan to address potential cases?
- How many school staff have become sickened from school?
- How many of the local and potentially highest exposed grocery store, post office, and hardware store employees contracted or sustained significant illness in the last year?
- How many local air taxi pilots have contracted Covid ?

- IN THE LAST FEW CITY MEETINGS, HAVE ANY OF THE MEDICALLY TRAINED PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED ALARM AT THE CURRENT CONDITIONS OR RECOMMENDED MORE STRINGENT RESTRICTIONS?
- Why is the lead spokes-person for the hospital a NON medically trained person who typically has very limited information available at council meetings? Who provides the data and guidance to the spokesperson; are they doctors or epidemiologists or otherwise medically trained?
- Does the hospital have official criteria for what constitutes an emergency? What are they?
- Can someone explain how we are still in an emergency versus a condition better described as heightened alert and readiness?
- How much money in Federal and State COVID aid has come into local agencies in the last year? Are there applications for more funds currently in the works? For how much?
- How much fish tax did the City collect last year? How much sales tax? How much bed tax? How do those levels compare to the previous 4 year averages?

I would like to see the answers posted line by line please.

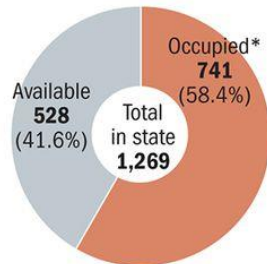
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## Status of hospital resources in Alaska

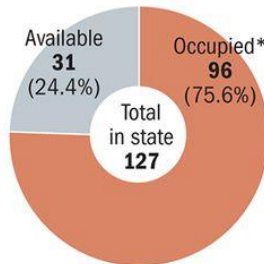
As of noon  
Thursday, March 11

Total that have been hospitalized with COVID-19, does not include those currently hospitalized: **1,272**

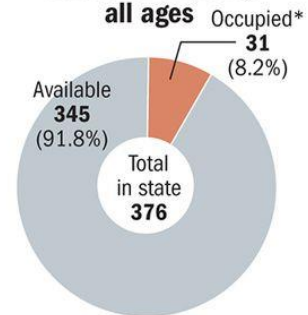
### Adult inpatient bed capacity



### Adult ICU bed capacity



### Ventilator capacity all ages

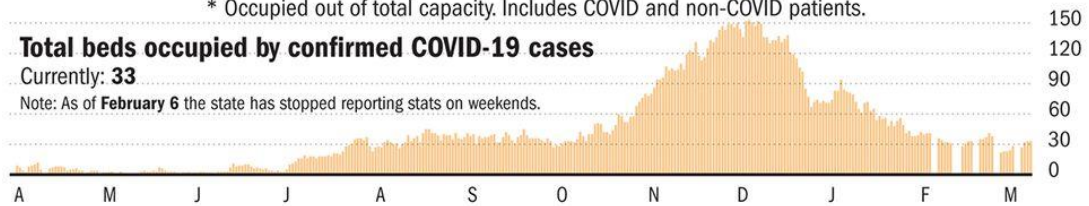


\* Occupied out of total capacity. Includes COVID and non-COVID patients.

### Total beds occupied by confirmed COVID-19 cases

Currently: **33**

Note: As of **February 6** the state has stopped reporting stats on weekends.



Source: Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

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I welcome any questions or comments or opportunities to discuss this further.

You may contact me by phone or email

Thank you

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