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MEMORANDUM

Date: 19 November 2020
To: Tod Larson, City Manager
From: Richard Thompson, EOC
Subject: Monthly Report, November 2020

Judging solely from Travel Notification forms submitted via email an average of 20 persons per day entered Dillingham via Alaska Airlines flights in November. This number does not take into account Travel Notification forms submitted by facsimile, or travel into Dillingham via other air carriers.

The CDC has stated that "Travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19." <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

The CDC has also issued specific recommendations that the public not travel or hold large indoor family gatherings over the holidays.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

In light of these warnings the first of a series of holiday themed mass postcard mailings was sent out this past week requesting that for the safety of individuals, and the community in general, the public adhere the CDC's recommendations. The majority of COVID-19 positive cases in our community since the end of July, including the notification of four new cases the EOC received approximately 10 minutes ago, have been travel related.

Fliers advertising the Capstone Clinic's new location in the Freshwater Adventures hangar were created and posted at various locations. Additionally, fliers providing information to travelers regarding City of Dillingham quarantine regulations were also created and are being handed out at the airport. The graphics for 18x24 hard vinyl signage advertising the Capstone Clinic location are finished and submitted to the printer.

Unexpectedly call volume from the public requesting information did not increase dramatically after the passage of City of Dillingham Ordinance 2020-22S. This was unusual as it has been the case since the beginning of the pandemic response that call

volume spikes hard for the first several days after ordinance changes. Public contact volume has remained moderate at around 8-12 calls/emails per day average.

On Monday morning, 16 November, the State of Alaska issued a series of Health Orders which replaced the standing Health Mandates. Large parts of the Health Orders were effective immediately; others are to be phased in this week. No prior notification of their issuance was made to allow comparison against the prior Health Mandates for changes affecting local ordinances. Consequently the EOC has been busy attempting to identify changes in State of Alaska protocols and determine if/how current City of Dillingham ordinances are affected. Thus far alterations to current City protocols appear minimal.

Work on rebuilding the COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) pages continues with a small amount of progress daily. If no new significant surprises demanding immediate, concentrated, attention (Health Orders) arrive in the next few days the new FAQ pages should be completed and posted to the public on the City of Dillingham website by the end of next week.

- Rich Thompson