



## PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 2-11-21  
**To:** City Manager Gregg Brelsford  
**From:** Chief Dan Pasquariello  
**Subject:** **School shutdown positive COVID family**

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The Dillingham City School District was shut down due to students testing positive for Covid-19. A mass testing event was held at the school to test all students and staff that may have been exposed to the corona virus from the positive students.

On 2/10/2021 I was tasked with investigating the incident to determine if the family that tested positive had violated the DMC ordinance pertaining to Covid -19.

Alaska Public Health Service will not disclose the identity of anyone testing positive for the Covid-19 virus per HIPPA.

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation will not disclose the identity of anyone testing positive for the Covid-19 virus per HIPPA.

Dillingham City School District was unable to disclose the identity of the students due to FERPA.

Unable to learn the names of the positive family members from official organizations due to federal law I had to identify them through investigation, by talking to other citizens and reviewing social media posts.

On 2/11/2021 I telephoned the isolating parent and they told me their story. The parent sounded ill, and was upset because they were being vilified by the community, and did not believe they had done anything wrong.

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Below is the timeline of their story.

### **Friday 1/29/2021**

The Dillingham parent drove to Aleknagik to provide an automobile ride to Dillingham for cousin who lives in Aleknagik. They performed errands together and then took the cousin back home to Aleknagik.

The parent stated that on that day they were unaware that the cousin had recently returned from a trip Anchorage.

### **Wednesday 2/03/2021**

One of the parent's pre-school aged children had an infection and they went to Kakanak hospital. At the hospital the parent/child were tested for Covid-19. The parent tested positive, the child tested negative.

The rest of the family went to the hospital to be tested. The spouse and two children tested positive, two other children tested negative. The Aleknagik cousin also tested positive.

The positive members of the family isolated, and are still isolating in their residence. The negative members of the family went to stay at a grandparent residence.

### **Thursday 2/04/2021**

Since their children had been attending school the parent notified the school district at the beginning of the business day that some of their children had tested positive. *The school district had shut down because they apparently had been notified by the hospital the night before.*

In the afternoon a neighbor of the grandparent called police saying the grandparent (*and children*) were positive for Covid-19 and were not quarantining. Police contacted the grandparent who stated that none of the family at the residence was positive for the corona virus.

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## **Conclusion:**

**(1)** The parent drove her cousin into Dillingham from Aleknagik (*unaware of the cousin's recent Anchorage travel*).

DMC Emergency Order 1.1:

- (a) Does not require Aleknagik residents to observe a mandatory quarantine when they arrive from outside the census area.
- (b) Does not prohibit Aleknagik residents from traveling into Dillingham by automobile.

**(2)** The negative test children moved to the grandparent's house.

DMC Emergency Order 1.1:

- (a) Does not require persons with a negative test to quarantine/isolate if they are not residing in the residence of persons quarantining/isolating.

The parent/family did not violate any provision of the DMC Emergency Order.

The family is requesting that the City of Dillingham publicly announce that they did not violate any ordinances so that they can stop being ostracized by the community.