



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 24 February 2021
TO: City Manager
FROM: Richard Thompson, EOC Manager
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

February 2021 has been an active month. The most visual example of this would be the City of Dillingham COVID-19 Dashboard that was created this month and is posted on the city website. The data utilized is taken from the daily reporting of the State of Alaska, DHSS, Alaska COVID-19 Information Hub. While it is fairly rudimentary at present it should improve as I have the opportunity to study and retrieve long lost data parsing skills.

February also saw the largest cluster of COVID-19 positive case in Dillingham since the beginning of the pandemic. This cluster of cases was predominately travel related. The scope of the cluster provides compelling evidence of the value of travel quarantine in our community and region, and other health measures, in limiting potential infection.

Contacts regarding the upcoming summer season with processors and other user groups was begun in February. Multiple contact lists for various user groups were folded into one master list with contact information being vetted through various sources including State of Alaska, Department of Commerce records, City of Dillingham records, and direct contact.

The ending of the State of Alaska's COVID-19 Emergency Declaration caused some minor chaos throughout the following several weeks. The recycling of the Health Orders (themselves recycled Health Mandates) into Health Advisories were at least a point from which to begin conversations into whether immediate changes to Ordinance or procedure were either necessary or advisable. For the most part, few changes in operations of the EOC, and no changes in Ordinance, Emergency Orders, or procedure were immediately made. Some significant issues, such as the ending of mandatory COVID testing prior to, or upon, entry into Alaska remain unaddressed by the state at this time.

Inbound travel to Dillingham during the month of February appears to be about average for the past couple of months with 218 forms processed between 3 February and 23 February 2021. Multiple people are occasionally listed on the same form and an estimation of 10-15% more travelers than forms submitted is generally used for tracking purposes. This month, however, the forms and people traveling were tracked during the above period resulting in 250 people counted on 218 submitted travel forms – or roughly 14.7% more travelers than travel forms submitted. It should be noted that these figures only account for travelers arriving through the Alaska Airlines terminal. There is no method for tracking numbers of travelers arriving in Dillingham via other airlines from locations inside the Dillingham Census Area.