

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS
RESOLUTION CY21-04**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS ENCOURAGING GUSTAVUS RESIDENTS
AND VISITORS TO KEEP GUSTAVUS SAFE**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm our health care system and endangers the lives and the wellbeing of the citizens and economy of Gustavus; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gustavus have made valiant efforts in taking personal prevention actions, which have kept the COVID-19 cases low in Gustavus and have prevented spread within Gustavus; and,

WHEREAS, citizens' personal and business prevention actions and the City's mitigation efforts enabled a limited 2020 summer business season and the opening of the Gustavus School for the 2020-21 school year for in-class sessions: and,

WHEREAS, for the Gustavus School to remain open and for Gustavus to enable a successful 2021 summer businesses season, all citizens of Gustavus and visitors will need to take all possible personal prevention actions provided by state health officials to contain the virus and prevent spread into our community; and,

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2020 the Gustavus City Council passed Resolution CY20-23 declaring a second local emergency in response to COVID-19 and a request for State and Federal Public Assistance; and,

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, Governor Dunleavy posted new State Health Advisories with recommendations for intrastate, interstate, international, and critical infrastructure travel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: COVID-19 poses a risk to all Gustavus residents and visitors. Preventing the virus infection that causes COVID-19 cannot be done through community measures alone; we all must take the individual responsibility to protect ourselves, loved ones, neighbors, and our community's livelihood. The primary ways to do this are:

- 1) Wearing a cloth face covering/mask when in public settings and when you are around people outside your household.
- 2) Practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact and minimizing time spent indoors with persons outside your household.
- 3) Monitoring your health and staying at home when sick.
- 4) Practicing good hygiene by frequently washing your hands and disinfecting high touch surfaces in your home and workplace.
- 5) Getting vaccinated against the SARS-COV-2 virus infection
- 6) Testing whenever asymptomatic testing is available or when any COVID-19 symptom is present.

- 7) Planning and researching travel requirements and procedures before travel to communities & minimizing or curtailing travel when risk levels are high and or known community spread is evident.

Section 1. Protect your neighbor and yourself by wearing a cloth face covering/mask.

Wearing a cloth face covering or specifically manufactured mask is strongly recommended for all Gustavus residents and visitors two years of age and older, other than those with breathing problems and those who cannot remove the covering without assistance. Face coverings protect those around you and offer you significant protection.

- Make sure the face covering is made with at least two layers of fabric and covers both the nose and mouth.
- When removing the face covering, avoid touching the front of the face covering
- Wash your hands immediately after removing the face covering and before touching anything else.
- Wash cloth face coverings in hot, soapy, water between every use.

Section 2. Practice Social Distancing: Avoid close contact with people who are not in your household.

- Put at least six feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
- Remember that people infected with the virus, but who do not have any symptoms, can also spread the virus.
- Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
- Minimize time indoors with individuals outside your household even if you can maintain a distance of six feet.
- Avoid all gatherings, even small ones, with persons who are not in your household.

Section 3. Monitor your health and stay home if you are sick.

- Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle and body aches, new loss of taste or smell, and other symptoms of COVID-19. Monitor your temperature if symptoms develop.
- If you develop symptoms, stay home – even if symptoms are only mild.
- Get tested as soon as symptoms start, if you can, and stay away from others until your test results are back.

Section 4. Practice good hygiene.

- Wash your hands often.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly.
- Increase ventilation by opening windows when able.
- Use noncontact methods of greeting each other

Section 5. Vaccination is strongly recommended.

- State and Federal public health authorities strongly recommend vaccination for all people for whom vaccination is not contraindicated by a medical condition. Approved vaccines are highly effective at preventing or reducing COVID-19 illness. Ask your

medical provider if you have any concerns about getting vaccinated to prevent COVID-19 illness.

- Vaccinations are available at the Gustavus SEARHC Clinic in accordance with State-determined patient prioritization.

Section 6. When to Test & Testing Guidance.

- Anybody with symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested.
- Some people without symptoms should also be tested, including:
 - a) When traveling into Gustavus or traveling into other remote communities
 - b) All close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 patients.
 - c) Residents in congregate living settings and other high-consequence settings
 - d) People with a prior positive test in the past 90 days, should NOT be re-tested.
- If you test positive, you need to isolate away from others to keep them safe. “Isolate” is the term used in association with individuals who are sick with, or have tested positive for, the virus that causes COVID-19. Isolation means staying home all the time and keeping away from household members as much as possible. More information is available on the CDC and DHSS webpages.
 - a) For most people with no, or mild, symptoms that are improving, isolation will be for ten days since your symptoms start, or if you never have any symptoms, ten days since you had your test. Consult with a healthcare provider or public health staff member if you have questions about how long you need to be in isolation.
 - b) You do not need to have a negative test to be cleared from isolation.
 - c) It is very important for people who test positive to notify anyone they may have had contact with while infectious.
 - d) Information on what counts as a “contact” can be found on the CDC webpages.
 - e) If you test positive and are unable to isolate safely, or need resources during your isolation period, contact your local public center. In Gustavus please call the Firehall (907-209-8393) or SEARHC Clinic (697-3008) to request assistance.
- If you have had close contact with a confirmed case you need to quarantine to keep others safe. “Quarantine” is the term used in association with individuals who have been exposed to someone with the virus that causes COVID-19. Quarantine means staying home all the time and keeping away from household members as much as possible. Information on when and how to quarantine is available on the CDC and DHSS webpages.
 - a) The preferred quarantine period is currently 14 days from the last exposure to a known case but may be shorter under certain circumstances for contacts who do not develop symptoms. Briefly, those two options apply as follows:
 - i) Seven-day quarantine with a molecular or antigen test <48 hours before the end of quarantine. Individuals must remain in quarantine until their test results are available.
 - ii) Ten-day quarantine.
 - b) There is some risk of post-quarantine transmission associated with discontinuing quarantine before 14 days. Individuals should continue to monitor themselves for symptoms for a full 14 days after their last contact with a confirmed case.

Section 7. Travel considerations.

- 1) Follow State of Alaska travel and CDC travel recommendations and have a COVID-19 test before travel or test at the Gustavus Point of Entry Testing Location upon arrival.

- 2) Assess the risks of travel including the mode of transportation and the level of spread of the virus in the location you will be traveling into or from.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. A public service announcement shall be widely distributed providing public notice of the encouragements in this resolution. This resolution shall remain in effect as long as the City of Gustavus has local COVID-19 disaster declaration, or until modified or terminated by the Gustavus City Council.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this ____ day of March 2021, and effective upon adoption.

Brittney Cannamore, Mayor

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk