

## SITUATION REPORT

**1. Incident Name:** **Gustavus Alaska 2020 COVID-19 Response**

**2. Incident #**  
SITREP #5

**3. Date/Time:**  
January 6, 2021  
1100hrs

**4. Prepared By:**  
[Travis Miller, Gustavus Fire Chief](#),  
Incident Commander

**5. Jurisdiction Name:**  
[City of Gustavus, Alaska](#)

**6. COVID-19 Confirmed Cases Status and Testing Results as of 01/05/2021**

Gustavus Case Count					SEARHC Local Testing Results				
Positive Cases	Resident Cases	Non-Resident Cases	Hospitalizations required	Recovered Cases	Total Tests Performed	Test Results Pending	Negative Test Results	Positive Test	Unique Positive Patients
12	7	5	0	8	1684	18	1654	12	10
* A positive case was traveler who tested out of state.					*One patient tested positive on two separate tests.				
* A positive case was Gustavus resident who tested in Anchorage					* Data includes clinic, airport & asymptomatic sites				

**7. General Situation** - Red text indicates new information from the last published update & a ~~strike through~~ indicates the task is done or the item was denied

### COVID-19 Alaska Specific Current Information:

- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- Alaska COVID-19 [Outbreak Health Orders](#):
  - November 16, 2020 Health Order 8: Intrastate Travel
  - November 16, 2020 Health Order 6: Interstate and International Travel
  - November 16, 2020 Health Order 5: Critical Infrastructure
  - November 16, 2020 Health Order 4: Non-congregate Sheltering Order
- Alaska COVID-19 [Health Alerts](#):
  - April 3, 2020 Health Alert 10: Recommendations Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Masks
  - March 13, 2020 Health Alert 04: Recommendations for Keeping Communities Safe

### COVID-19 Gustavus Specific Current Information:

- City of Gustavus's [COVID-19 Response Page](#)
- City & Borough of Juneau's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium ([SEARHC](#)) [COVID-19 Page](#)
- Need non-medical assistance while Isolating? Contact: [Gustavus Helping Gustavus](#)
- City of Gustavus COVID-19 related Resolutions
  - December 7, 2020 [CY20-24 Recommendations for Travel into Gustavus](#)
  - July 13, 2020 [CY20-22 The Wearing of Cloth Face Masks or Face Shield](#) (revised 09/21/20)
  - June 8, 2020 [CY20-16 Regarding Access to Marine Facilities](#)
  - March 24, 2020 [CY20-11 Declaring a Local Emergency COVID-19](#)

**COVID-19 Gustavus Command Objectives:**

- Safeguard health & safety of personnel and the public
- Slow/stop the spread of COVID-19 into Gustavus
- Increase COVID-19 testing capacity
- Educate on the public about current vaccines availability & assist in distribution
- Care for the sick
- [Provide public information](#)

**COVID-19 Gustavus EOC Current Actions:**

- Managing the Point of Entry screening and testing for interstate & intrastate travel into the City of Gustavus
  - Outbreak Health Order 6: Interstate Travel
    - November 16<sup>th</sup> main changes are:
      - All nonresident travelers in the SOA will be required to have either negative or pending results within 72 hours of departure or pay \$250 for a test and the POE testing site.
  - Outbreak Health Order 8: Intrastate Travel
    - November 16<sup>th</sup> main changes are:
      - Testing is available to all residents travelling with a few exemptions.
- Working with council member Taylor on how to implement Health Order 5 into our current and future resolutions on what the Critical Infrastructure is required and requested to give the state or City before arrival.
- Working the State of Alaska DHS&EM State Public Assistance Branch to file for FEMA request for public assistance. This must be created and filed with FEMA before the federal disaster declaration is over. This is used if we must file for any federal monies that are not reimbursable by CARES or the State Emergency Funding.
- Planning and assisting in the vaccine rollout with SEARHC. 45 people were vaccinated. That was about a third of the registered people. We are working getting the next batch of vaccine now. The hope is to get enough to offer it the rest of the registered people. I am working on having the next public distribution at the Community Center.
- Working with the State EMS office to get our EMT's certified to give the vaccine next time.
- The Point of Entry Testing contract has been extended until the end of June 2021.
  - Travelers that are vaccinated are still required to provide a test when entering the State of Alaska.
  - It's still recommended that Intrastate travelers that have been vaccinated still test when possible.

**Operations**

- Volunteer fabric artists have manufactured and distributed over 500 reusable masks for the public. They are also working on creating reusable gowns for the medical personnel.
- ~~Formed the Travel Advisory Branch. Their jobs will be to answer questions on traveling into Gustavus (residents, visitors, essential services, etc.) and collect/evaluate all forms and documents required by the State of Alaska. Group was demobilized after State Mandate 11 attachment b was revised.~~
- ~~Two travel declaration collection group volunteers are meeting every Alaska Seaplanes flight assisting them with filling out the form and informing them about the resources in town during~~

their quarantine. During April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup> .70 people filed out the local Travel Declaration Form.

- SEARHC came to town and N95 fit test GVFD volunteers, NPS and the clinic staff.
- Negotiated a contract with the State to do Point of Entry (POE) screening and testing at Alaska Airlines. The contract allows up to have 5 people on site for each flight. We were 1 of 7 airports that were testing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day mandate 10.1 started. SEARHC has the contract that supplies and does the testing on the samples that collected.
- The SEARHC Gustavus clinic has been testing all asymptomatic individuals in town on Saturdays since August 1<sup>st</sup> and will be through December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm.
- The SEARHC Clinic will be offering free testing to all students and staff every Tuesday until further notice.
- The SEOC supplied Gustavus a Western Shelter Tent that is set up at the Airport to conduct Point of Entry Screening and Testing. It came with lighting (no generator) and heating. When the season is over the tent will be stored for emergencies in the future.
- The Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Association has sponsored multiple free hand sanitizer refill days, Big Dipper Mask give away and UVC mask disinfectant.

### Planning

- Planning Section continues to evaluate seasonal workers/fishing industry and how to safely allow it to coexist within our community safely with the ~~Travel Advisory Branch~~ council and Gustavus Visitors Association. These talks will continue over the winter season in prep to make the 2021 summer season even more successful than 2020.
- COG Council formed an Economic Impact workgroup to be headed by Susan Warner
  - Fish canning, root cellar
- ~~COG has formed a Business Resource Center to be set up if needed~~
- SEARHC performed asymptomatic testing for people from August 1<sup>st</sup> - December 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- The EOC continues to communicate and educate the visitor industry to make sure they are current with state and city regulations regarding traveling, testing, and CWPP are submitted to the state.
- Working with the State acquire CWPP that the lodges and charter operators are required to submit to the SEOC and get their updated copies.
- Assisted the Mayor on drafting a letter to Commissioner Crum's office asking for stricter travel restrictions if needed. We are still waiting to hear back from them.
- Attended the following scheduled COVID-19 meetings as my schedule allows. They are mainly presented by the State and few other agencies mixed in.
  - Statewide Community PIO call – Mondays & Thursdays
  - SEREMS Emergency Mangers call - Mondays
  - Rural Public health ECHO – Tuesdays
  - Statewide Emergency Mangers – Wednesdays
  - Airport Point of Entry – Wednesdays
  - Local Government Public Health Analysis –Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Alaska Situational Awareness ECHO – Thursdays
  - EMS Provider and Instructor ECHO - Fridays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
  - State EOC Regional Fisheries Meetings – as scheduled
  - Any other COVID-19 meeting that I am asked to attend that are not scheduled

## Logistics


- ~~Working to obtain PPE through various avenues with other communities as a group.~~
- Megan Bishop has been keeping up on inventory of GVFD supplies
- The SEARHC Clinic has acquired an Abbot Rapid test.
- Negotiated a contract with the State to do Point of Entry (POE) screening and testing at Alaska Airlines starting June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The contract allows up to have 5 people on site for each flight. We were 1 of 7 airports that were testing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day mandate 10.1 started. SEARHC has the contract that supplies and handles the testing/notification of the samples that collected.
  - Contract has been extended through the end of October 2020
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- State of Alaska EOC 213 Resource Request for Gustavus
  - 10/22/2020: Communication materials (stickers)
  - 10/22/2020: 1000-surgical masks, ~~disinfectant wipes~~, 10-boxes of gloves (POE) 500-SOA big dipper mask (COG)
  - 9/15/2020: Communication materials (stickers, street signs)
  - 9/15/2020: 6 boxes of gloves, thermometer, disinfectant wipes (POE)
  - 8/20/2020: ~~1000-disposable surgical masks~~ *SEOC gave us 500 cloth masks instead (school)*
  - 8/14/2020: Communication materials (sticker, road signs, flyers)
  - 7/29/2020: 500-SOA big dipper masks (COG), disinfect wipes & 2-gallon hand sanitizer (POE)
  - 7/18/2020: ~~Generator for the MMRS tent (POE)~~
  - 7/08/2020: 2000 cloth masks from the Fed DHSS supply cache (COG) (received 4000)
  - 6/17/2020: infrared thermometers, 500-surgical mask, 12-boxes of gloves, 100 gowns (POE)
  - 6/05/2020: Refrigerator for test samples (POE), ~~disinfectant spray/wipes (GVFD)~~
  - 6/05/2020: POE screeners, 1000-surgical masks, 1000-pairs of gloves, 100-goggles(10), wall tent, stanchions, screener supplies (POE )
- Working with the State acquire Community Workforce Protection Plans that the lodges and charter operators are required to submit to the SEOC and get their updated copies.
- COG council approved purchasing a generator for the MMRS shelter.

## Finance

- Has been helping with payments and tracking all spending done by the EOC.
- COG council approved purchasing a generator for the MMRS shelter. It was purchased 10/2/2020. It's in production and we will be notified about shipping when its ready.
- **Working the State of Alaska DHS&EM State Public Assistance Branch to file for FEMA request for public assistance. This is used if we must file for any federal monies that are not reimbursable by CARES or the State Emergency Funding,**

## Public Information Office (PIO)

- PIO office continues to release social media, email news group and posting updates. (various FAQ's, PHN tracing and testing, community updates, SEARHC info, etc.)
- EOC has provided input/recommendations to be submitted to the Governor on reopening Alaska's economy.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Association held a Social Distancing MEME contest. It was held on Facebook, had three age categories and had over 50 entries in total.</li> <li>• A town hall meeting was held with SEARHC, DHSS, and the FD to talk about their plans and what happens when a person tests positive for COVID-19. At the peak 98 accounts were viewing the meeting.</li> <li>• <del>Job Description for a temporary part time PIO was posted 7/24/2020. (no apps as 8/19)</del></li> <li>• Sitka Fire Department donated some road signs that can be seen in front of the FD.</li> <li>• New signage being made and put up as necessary. (travel into Ak, COG rule 3, etc.)</li> <li>• Posting testing data at minimum of once a week (website, email, social media, post office)</li> <li>• Scheduled an appearance of the State of Alaska's newly formed Community Outreach Group including SEOC Incident Commander Bryan Fisher, DHSS Commissioner Adam Crum, DHSS Eliza Muse, Director of DHS&amp;EM Paul Nelson</li> <li>• Scheduled Dr. Anne Zink for an appearance during the December General Council Meeting.</li> <li>• Posted new information on what to do if you were called as a close contact.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Road Closures</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Current Sheltering/Evacuation Status</b>	
a. Number of Shelters Open	0
b. Total Registered at Shelter	0
c. Total Sheltered Last Night	0
<b>10. Current Priority Needs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>11. Future Outlook/Planned Actions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State is talking about a vaccine as early January for the general public</li> </ul>	
<b>12. Weather (current and projected)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>13. Other Comments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>14. State Emergency Operations Center</b>	
<b>Hours:</b> Full EOC staffing during regular business hours, Duty Officer/Comm Center after hours <b>SEOC Preparedness Level:</b> <b>Level 2 – for COVID-19 Response</b>	<b>Phone/Email Contacts:</b> State EOC – 907-428-7100, 800-478-2337 <a href="mailto:2020_COVID-19@ak-prepared.com">2020_COVID-19@ak-prepared.com</a>
<b>15. Approved by:</b>  Travis Miller, IC 1/6/2021	

## Gustavus COVID-19 Response

## Incident Management Team

