



## **Yakutat Department of Public Safety**

Incident Command Covid-19

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### **Message on Positive Covid-19 Tests 07/27/2020**

First; The Yakutat Incident Command (IC) would like to talk about the current Covid-19 outbreak in our community. During these times we ask that all residents and visitors be respectful to each other whether you are a believer, or not, of the Covid-19 virus. While some may believe Covid-19 is no different than the Flu, others fear it as much worse. The IC asks that we all respect each other and follow any requests that come from a local person, business, or entity where they are requiring additional protections for themselves and/or their employees. Times are stressful and these individuals have a right to feel safe. As we all know, Yakutat businesses try to meet the needs of us all, but if these businesses lose workers it makes it that much more difficult for us as a community. We ask that if you are not comfortable with the requests made that you move on and shop elsewhere or distance yourself from the person making the request.

Second; The IC would like to thank those that went public with their Positive Covid-19 results. This courageous and selfless act was made to keep others safe. Thank you for informing all of your contacts that they have a responsibility to the Community to Self-Quarantine if they had close contact for 15 minutes or more from the time that the test was taken. The acknowledgement of the Positive Test shows that you do not want the virus to spread further and accept your responsibility to share the information. Hopefully, the individuals that may have had contact with you have the same courage to step up and protect all those around them.

Third; The IC wants everyone to know that it has been working diligently to keep Yakutat Safe while respecting freedoms by minimizing intrusions and/or lockdowns. As many Yakutat Citizens are aware, the IC makes many recommendations to City Officials. The IC wants everyone to know these decisions are not made lightly. Many hours of discussions by a dedicated core group are put into each decision. There is research and personal opinions from businesses and locals put into each decision. The IC tries to keep all sides involved in the decisions, but ultimately the science and/or laws may, in some cases, over write our decisions. Please remember that the IC will always rule on the side of Health and Safety of the Yakutat citizens. The IC is doing its best find medium ground that supports all. The IC core group has several individuals involved and we all speak to the many business owners and community members before we make recommendations. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in these troubling times.

John Waldron

Commander Covid-19 Response

#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**IF YOU CANNOT LIST ALL THE PEOPLE YOU  
HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH WITHIN THE  
LAST WEEK YOUR  
PERSONAL BUBBLE IS TOO LARGE FOR  
COVID-19.**

**Dr. Zink, State of Alaska HSS**