

# VALDEZ COVID-19 WEEKLY SITUATION UPDATE

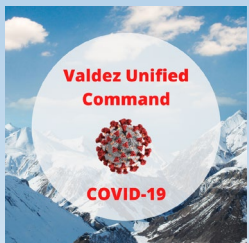
Valdez Unified Command

06 MAY 2020



# CURRENT SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Alaska Case Count:** 372 confirmed: 284 recovered/78 active/10 deaths as of noon on 06 May 2020. Cases now in Tok and Cordova (asymptomatic cannery worker tested positive during routine screening during arrival quarantine).
- **Valdez Case Count:** 0 confirmed: 0 recovered/0 active/0 deaths as of noon on 06 May 2020.
- **State Mandates (17 total):** 5-Phase “re-opening” plan. Phase 1 of “re-opening” started 24 April: Mandate 16 Limited retail shopping, in-house restaurant dining, personal services, small gatherings (<20). Social distancing restrictions, face-coverings, and cleaning protocols included. (<https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>) Mandate 17: Independent Commercial fishing vessels. Phase 2 details to be discussed on this evening's state press conference. Expect incremental increases in capacity from phase to phase. Of the 17 mandates, seven are now expired or superseded, and others have been amended.
- **City Mandates (02 total):** (~~#001 rescinded~~). ~~Mandatory intrastate travelers arriving by air; by boat; or by road from areas with positively identified COVID-19 infection.~~ (~~#002 expired~~) PPE preservation. (Proclamations) Shelter in place. Visitor behavioral expectations
- **Closures still in Effect:** Valdez City Schools and Prince William Sound College distance only. Many City facilities still remoted.
- **Public Messaging Themes:** Physical distancing. Wearing cloth face coverings in public. Sheltering in place. Hygiene. Information to bolster resiliency & understanding of operational efforts. Kindness, compassion & behavioral health.
- **Community Areas of Concern:** General tension surrounding (1) anticipated influx of workers in commercial fisheries industry, (2) continued integration of medical professionals in local efforts, (3) economic impacts of mandates.



# PRESENT OBJECTIVES

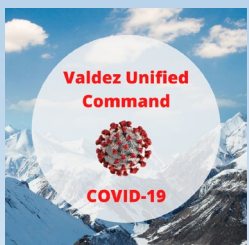
IN ORDER OF PRIORITY ESTABLISHED 04 MAY 2020

- **Objective 1:** Establish control measures to minimize spread of the virus (Ongoing)
- **Objective 6:** Support Fisheries Task Force (ongoing coordination with commercial and recreational fishing)
- **Objective 7:** Support Businesses & Summer Tourism task force. (**Moved up three positions in priority.**)
- **Objective 5:** Establish a reserve pool of health care workers (Alternate Care Site)
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen and monitor resiliency of essential services
- **Objective 9:** Coordinate support for community mental wellness
- **Objective 4:** Create a plan for staffing essential functions (ICS 213RR; messaging vacancies.)
- **Objective 8:** Create plans for addressing displaced persons and essential functions (MOUs /Alt Care Site)
- **Objective 3:** Create a plan for the Valdez Patient 1 announcement (Ready.)



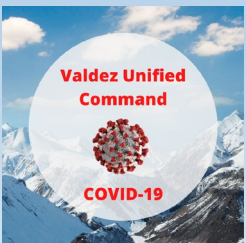
# CURRENT OPERATIONAL EMPHASIS

- **Objective 6: (Fisheries Task Force)**
  - ICS Task Force housed in Operations Section. Works in collaboration with Public Health & Medical Branches.
  - Coordination & collaboration regarding worker/community protection plans for fisheries industry operations
  - Analyze fisheries operational agreements at state & local levels. Adopt practices which make sense to Valdez.
  - Agreements with processors signed
  - Coordinating information for sport/personal use fishing operations and inbound commercial vessels.
- **Objective 7: (Business/Tourism Task Force)**
  - Analyze state and local mandates to advise local businesses and community
  - Coordinate/consolidate individual plans into overall plans for tourism operations
  - Disseminate available economic relief resources & information (CARES Act, etc.)
- **Objective 5: (Medical Staffing)**
  - Track status of PVMC personnel needs, both current and projected.
  - Support alternate care site resourcing and staffing
- **Objective 9: (Mental Wellness)**
  - Community Behavioral Health Task Force formed and meeting.



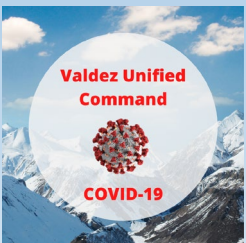
# SEAFOOD TASK FORCE UPDATES

- **Agreements Signed with Processors**
- **Access Checkpoint (South Harbor Drive)**
  - Contract for personnel ready
- **Education ongoing with inbound crews**
  - Training (coordinated with Public Health/Valdez Medical Alliance)
  - Valdez Informational Packet
- **Continued analysis of new mandate revisions**



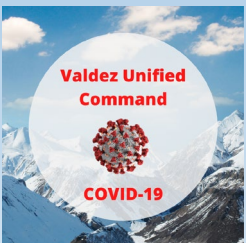
# BUSINESS/TOURIST TASK FORCE UPDATES

- **Task Force Met one-on-one last week with local business owners**
- **Inform and advise business owners and the public**
  - Direct liaison with businesses
  - Public messaging
- **Continued analysis of new mandates and information**
  - Rapidly changing sets of complex rules
  - State Mandates vs. Local Proclamations
  - Essential vs. non-essential businesses
  - Mandatory vs. advised procedures
  - Travel mandate requirements vs. advisories vs. exceptions



# 2020 ECONOMIC RELIEF PROGRAM

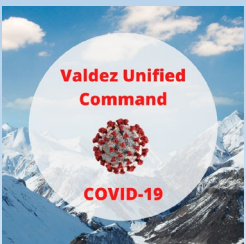
- **Direct, one-time payment to qualifying households and businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 Emergency**
- **Authorized by City Council Resolution on April 28; Funded with 2020 Permanent Fund appropriation (\$2.89MM)**
- **Estimated payment: \$1,800 per applicant**
- **Household Applicants: one payment per household**
- **Business Applicants:**
  - **Must have business license as of April 15, 2020**
  - **May share an address with household applicant IF it has a distinct Federal Tax ID number**
  - **Sole Proprietorships must have a distinct address from household applicants**
- **Applications must be complete, including IRS Form w-9; City will issue IRS form 1099 in January, 2021**
- **Two-week application process begins May 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - **2020 Energy Assistance recipients may return applications via US mail or City Hall drop-box**
  - **Other applicants must apply in-person at Civic Center; work-day, evening, and weekend hours will be offered**
- **Payments will be issued by check on May 29<sup>th</sup>**



# COVID-19 EVENT COSTS THROUGH 4/30/20

	<b>city</b>	<b>hospital</b>	<b>college</b>	<b>total</b>
salaries/benes	106,030	99,677	22,485	228,192
supplies	123,474	40,493	-	163,967
services	<u>116,468</u>	<u>8,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,398</u>
<b>total</b>	<b>345,972</b>	<b>149,100</b>	<b>22,485</b>	<b>517,557</b>

- Supplies include actual outlays of \$47K and encumbrances of \$76K
- Services include a \$100K pending contract for S. Harbor Drive traffic control
- Services also include over \$7K for COVID-19 radio coverage





# VALDEZ COVID-19 UNIFIED COMMAND

## Incident Commanders

Mark Detter (COV) / Nathan Duval (deputy) *Lead Agency*  
Dan O'Connor (PWSC) / Shawn Arnold (deputy)  
Jeremy O'Neil (PVMC) / Lindsie King (deputy)

### Safety Officer

Jim Pomplun

### Public Information Officer

Allie Ferko  
Melissa Reese (APIO)

### Liaison Officer

Aaron Baczuk

See separate slide  
for full JIC  
composition

### Operations Section Chief

Bart Hinkle  
Tracy Raynor (deputy)

See separate slide for  
Operations Branches

### Planning Section Chief

Dennis Humphrey  
George Keeney (deputy)

**Documentation Unit**  
Melissa McCumby

### Logistics Section Chief

Stan Porritt  
Canyon Rohrer (deputy)

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### Finance Section Chief

Brian Carlson  
Jordan Nelson (deputy)

