

# VALDEZ COVID-19 WEEKLY SITUATION UPDATE

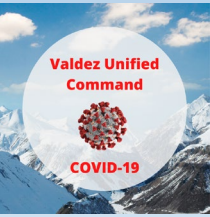
Valdez Unified Command

07 JULY 2020



# CURRENT SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Alaska Case Count:** 1,184 confirmed: 560 recovered/607 active/17 deaths as of noon 07 July 20. (19 new cases). Alaska now has more active cases than total recovered cases since the start of the pandemic.
  - **241 total non-resident cases in Alaska** (141 seafood industry, 28 visitors, 25 unknown, 21 other, 13 mining, 11 tourism, 2 airline pilots).
- **Valdez Case Count:** 2 confirmed: 1 recovered/1 active/0 deaths as of noon on 07 July 2020. (4 non-resident cases/3 active)
- **State Mandates/Advisories(18 total, 5 active at this time):** Phase 3 and 4 of the 5-phase reopening plan in effect. Mandate 10 incorporates testing prior to travel or upon arrival with a follow-up in 10-14 days as a way to bypass 14-day quarantine (<https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>), large gatherings (250+) must “consult” with public health, State will work with large industries, communities can have more strict measures. Parts of Mandates 15, 17, and 18 described under “special populations” in the Phase 3 & 4 plan also remain in effect. Mandate 14 still in effect. Anchorage and Seward mandating masks.
- **City Mandates (02 total, 0 active):** (~~#001 rescinded~~). ~~Mandatory quarantine of intrastate travelers. (#002 expired) PPE preservation.~~ (Non-Mandatory Proclamations) Health and Safety Proclamation. Mask mandate proposed.
- **Public Messaging Themes:** Physical distancing. Wearing cloth face coverings in public. Keep your bubble small. Hygiene. Information to bolster resiliency & understanding of operational efforts. Kindness, compassion & behavioral health.
- **Community Areas of Concern:** General tension surrounding (1) **mask mandate to be voted tonight by city council**, (2) influx of tourists and workers in commercial fisheries industry, (3) continued integration of medical professionals in local efforts, (4) economic impacts of mandates, (5) complexity of rules vs. advisories.



# PRESENT OBJECTIVES

IN ORDER OF PRIORITY ESTABLISHED 23 JUNE 2020

- **Objective 1:** Establish control measures to minimize spread of the virus (Ongoing)
- **Objective 7:** Support Businesses & Summer Tourism task force (including advising event planning)
- **Objective 5:** Establish a reserve pool of health care workers (Alternate Care Site, Mass Testing TF)
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen and monitor resiliency of essential services (currently assisting Food Bank)
- **Objective 6:** Support Fisheries Task Force (ongoing coordination with commercial and recreational fishing)
- **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/Testing POD)
- ~~**Objective 3:** Create a plan for the Valdez Patient 1 announcement (Complete.)~~



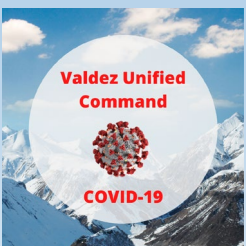
# CURRENT OPERATIONAL EMPHASIS

- **Objective 1 (Minimize Spread of Virus) and Objective 5: (Reserve Medical Capacity)**
  - **Alternate Care Site** resourcing, staffing, planning relocation in case necessary
  - **Mass Testing Task Force** resourcing, staffing, locations, contracts
- **Objective 7: (Business/Tourism Task Force)**
  - Events planning issues driving this task force's increased emphasis
  - Analyze state and local mandates to advise local businesses and community (**including events**)
  - Coordinate/consolidate individual plans into overall plans for tourism operations (**including events**)
  - Disseminate available economic relief resources & information (CARES Act, etc.)
- **Objective 2: (Resilience of Essential Services)**
  - Food Bank surge in demand facilitated with temporary additional space.
- **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.
  - Checkpoint on South Harbor Drive



# BUSINESS/TOURIST TASK FORCE

- **Inform and advise business owners and the public**
  - Direct liaison with businesses
  - Public messaging
  - Emergency Operations Plan assistance
- **Continued analysis of new mandates and information**
  - Evolving sets of complex rules
  - State Mandates vs. Local Proclamations
  - Mandatory vs. advised procedures
  - Travel mandate requirements vs. advisories vs. exceptions
- **Event planning recommendations**
  - Not approving requests for gatherings requiring city resources
  - Can still provide mitigation recommendations for private gatherings



# SEAFOOD TASK FORCE

- **Agreements Signed with Processors**
- **Education/testing ongoing with inbound workers**
  - Training (coordinated with Public Health/Valdez Medical Alliance)
  - Valdez Informational Packet
  - Regular meetings
- **Continued analysis of new mandate revisions**
- **Road block/checkpoint (South Harbor Drive)**
  - Operational since 18 May
- **Larger numbers of workforce inbound this week**



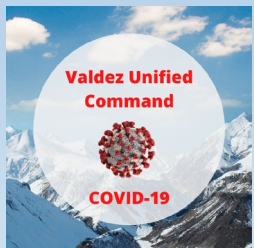
# ALTERNATE CARE SITE

- **Ready when needed on short notice**
- **Location: Valdez High School Gym (assessing alternate locations as Fall approaches)**
- **Set-up led by Dr. Angela Alfaro, supported by City of Valdez and ICS Logistics Section**
- **Managed under PVMC**
- **Materials can be disassembled and stored for quick assembly in future emergencies**
- **Currently configured for 40 Beds**
- **Moderate level of care**



# COVID-19 MASS TESTING TASK FORCE

- **IMT facilitates coordination between agencies (Public Health, COV, and Hospital)**
  - Authorizations
  - Supplies
  - Contracts
  - Personnel
- **Currently testing vulnerable populations and critical workers**
  - Working out bugs for larger scale testing if needed
  - Contingency planning for surge capacity (See CONPLAN I Ia)
  - Assessing impact of vouchers on consumption rates and staffing
- **Critical Information Requirement #II and Contingency Plan I Ia**
  - In case testing capacity is overwhelmed
  - Will allow us to connect to state resources





# CIRs AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING

## Critical Information Requirements

(Information that drives a decision)

1. New Federal/State Directives
2. ~~First confirmed local case of COVID-19~~ 2.1 Any confirmed Valdez Case
3. First confirmed community transmission
4. Incident-related death
5. Medical facilities 2-4+ COVID-19 patients
6. Critical shortage of mission essential resource  
( $\leq$  1 resupply cycle remaining)
7. Critical personnel shortage  
( $<$  mission capable)
8. Disruption of supply chain
9. Occurrence of another emergency
10. Multiple unrelated COVID-19 cases
11. Testing Capacity overwhelmed or displaced

Each CIR links to a contingency plan

The CIR is a triggering event that will activate its associated contingency plan.

Allows pre-planning of actions, personnel, and resources for quick deployment when the event occurs.

Details thought out before the situation is urgent

Example: CIR #5 Occurs

Execute CONPLAN 5a

Activate Alternate Care Site

Inform State EOC

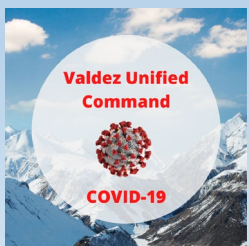
Increase resupply of consumables

Oxygen

PPE

Cleaning Supplies

Notify First Responders



# CIR #3: FIRST CONFIRMED COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION

Implement CONPLAN 3a

Inform ICs and PIO

**City Action:** Valdez EOC report to state EOC and BPT request state assistance ; Public Health Branch report to DHSS.

**PIO** Community Transmission Announcement plan; intensified messaging

Coordinate people to participate in announcement

PIO contact Seed Media and coordinate recording of message with IC

PIO post message

**Operations:** Call in volunteers; train/deploy

**Public Health Branch:** Execute DHSS procedures for isolation/quarantine and contact investigation

Determine need/location to isolate persons and locations; issue orders as necessary

Execute *Mass* testing plan: 2 Lanes (symptomatic/asymptomatic)

**Logistics:**

Employ transient housing MOU as needed

Ramp up re-supply of consumables

**Council Action:** inform of condition red; recommend draft proposals for tightening of PPE/social distancing mandates; travel restrictions; closings of local businesses, high risk social gatherings, etc.

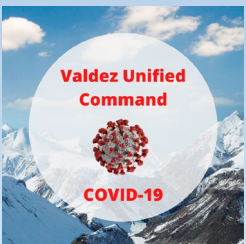
**Hospital:** Assist with *Mass* Testing Plan



# CIR #5: MEDICAL FACILITIES HAVE 2-4+ COVID-19 PATIENTS

Implement CONPLAN 5a:

- Inform ICs
- **Hospital:** Assess urgency/rate of cases
  - *Evacuate patients to relieve strain on hospital capacity if practicable*
- **Valdez EOC:** Report to state EOC; Be prepared to request state assistance.
- **Operations:** Disseminate to first responders; evac procedures (BPT request state evac assets)
  - **Medical Support Branch:** Activate Alternate Care Site
- **Logistics Section:**
  - Ramp up re-supply of consumables (O<sub>2</sub>, PPE, cleaning agents, etc.)
  - Personnel: Determine Number and Type. Call in volunteers; BPT request state assistance)
- **Safety:** Update Alternate Care Site safety survey as necessary



# CIR# 10: MULTIPLE UNRELATED COVID-19 CASES

Implement CONPLAN 10a

Inform ICs and PIO

**City Action:** Valdez EOC report to state EOC; Public Health Branch report to DHSS.

**PIO:** Post messages/press releases

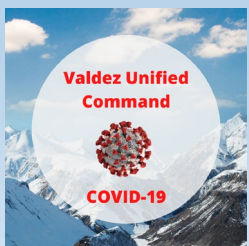
**Logistics:** Employ transient housing MOU as necessary

**Operations, Public Health Branch:**

- Execute DHSS procedures for isolation/quarantine and contact investigations
- Determine need/location to isolate persons and locations; issue orders as necessary
- *Targeted* testing plan (In conjunction with contact investigations)

**Council Action:** inform of condition yellow; recommend draft proposals for tightening of PPE/social distancing mandates; hunker down; targeted closings of industries/businesses involved as appropriate for situation

**Hospital:** inform; ramp up operations; be prepared to support Alternate Care Site.



# CIR #11: TESTING CAPACITY IS OVERWHELMED OR DISPLACED

- Implement CONPLAN 11a
- Inform ICs and PIO

**City Action:** Valdez EOC report to state EOC; Public Health Branch report to DHSS.

**PIO:** Post messages/press releases to direct traffic to alternate site as necessary

**Logistics:**

- Augment acquisition of testing supplies as necessary through state resources
- Coordinate contract with testing lab

**Planning/Operations:**

- Assist contacting and marshalling of reserve personnel

**Mass Testing TF**

- Execute Testing POD plan to handle overflow as required by hospital and clinic needs

**Council Action:** informed of condition yellow;

**Hospital/clinics/Public Health:** be prepared to support Alternate Test Site POD with initial training of reserve personnel and authorizations for tests.



# VALDEZ COVID-19 UNIFIED COMMAND

## Incident Commanders

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

### Safety Officer

Jim Pomplun

### Liaison Officer

Aaron Baczuk

### Physician Consultant

Dr. Angela Alfaro

### Public Information Officer

Allie Ferko

Kate Huber (APIO)

See separate slide  
for full JIC  
composition

### Operations Section Chief

Bart Hinkle

Tracy Raynor (deputy)

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Operations Branches

### Planning Section Chief

Dennis Humphrey

George Keeney (deputy)

**Documentation Unit**  
Melissa McCumby

### Logistics Section Chief

Stan Porritt

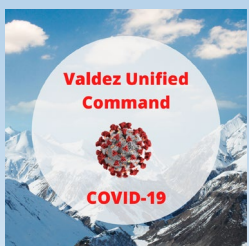
Canyon Rohrer (deputy)

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### Finance Section Chief

Brian Carlson

Jordan Nelson (deputy)



# OPERATIONS SECTION ORGANIZATION



**Operations Section Chief**  
Bart Hinkle  
Tracy Raynor (deputy)

**Education Branch**  
Jason Weber  
Jon Berkeley (deputy)

**Medical Branch**  
Pauline Doucet  
Lindley Miller (deputy)

**Public Health Branch**  
Terri Lynch

**City Services Branch**  
Rob Comstock

**Community Services Branch**  
Roxanne Murphy

**Online Education**  
Shawn Arnold

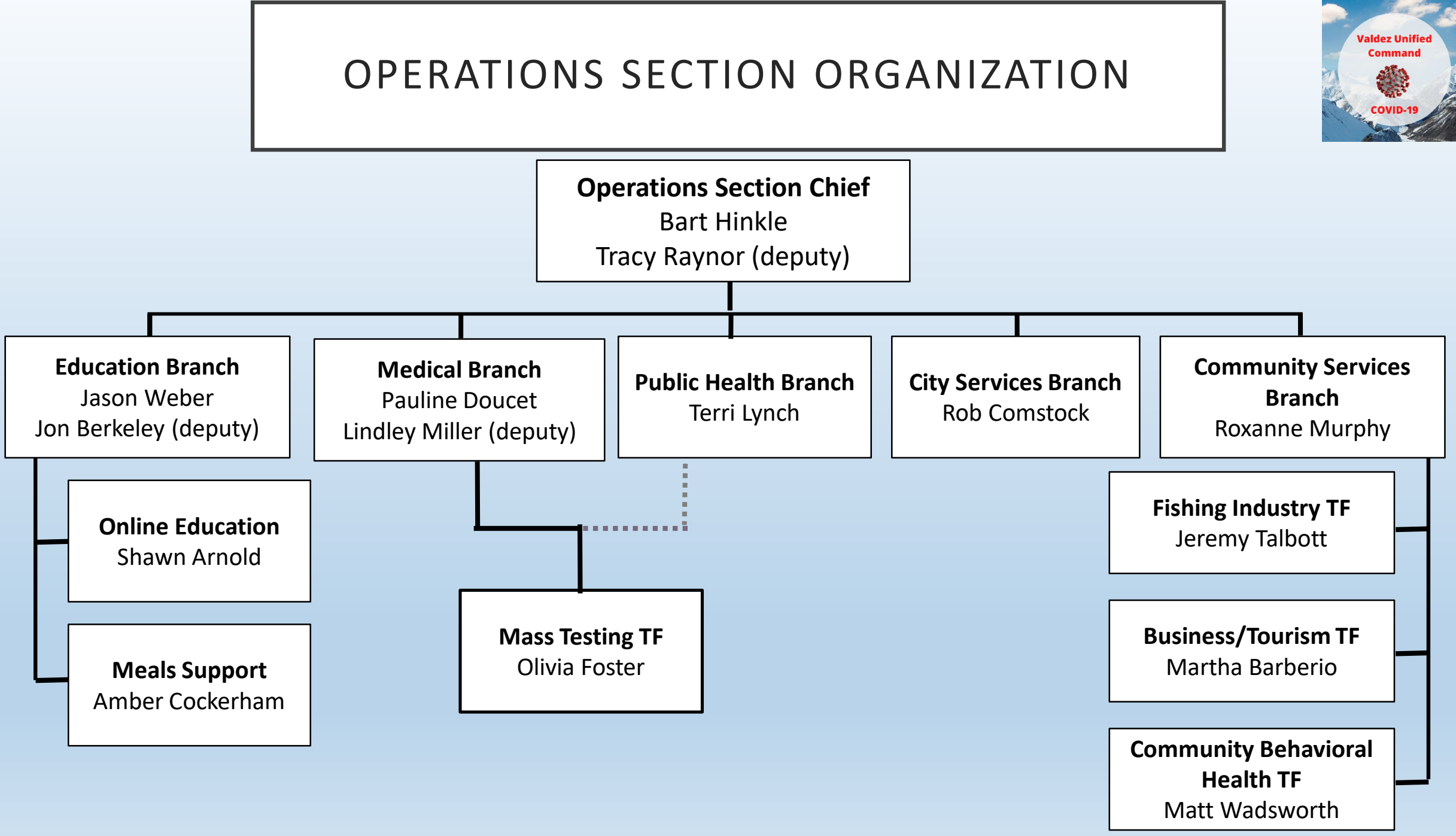
**Meals Support**  
Amber Cockerham

**Mass Testing TF**  
Olivia Foster

**Fishing Industry TF**  
Jeremy Talbott

**Business/Tourism TF**  
Martha Barberio

**Community Behavioral Health TF**  
Matt Wadsworth



# LOGISTICS SECTION ORGANIZATION

**Logistics Section**  
Stan Porritt  
Canyon Rohrer (deputy)

**Medical Service Branch**  
Angela Alfaro

**Food Service Branch**  
Mindi Baczuk

**Mortuary Affairs  
Branch**  
Marcie Robertson

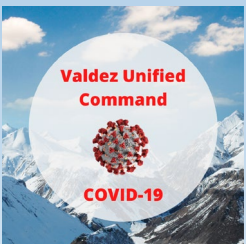
**Support Branch**  
Jared Lustig





# JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (VIRTUAL)

Member Name	Role	Specialized Assignment	Agency
Allie Ferko	Lead PIO	Lead PIO Writer Lead Social Media & Webpage Content Lead	COV
Angela Alfaro, MD	Physician Consultant	Physician Consultant	PVMC
Terri Lynch, RN	Public Health Consultant	Public Health Consultant	DHSS PHN
Kate Huber	APIO	Designated Back-up to Lead PIO Radio Station Liaison	COV
Kate Dugan	APIO	<i>Available Upon Request by Lead PIO</i>	N/A
Rachel Farline	APIO	Videography (Informal/Social Media - Public Educational Content) PIO Liaison to Providence Valdez Medical Center	PVMC
Krystal Moulton	APIO	Graphic Design Lead Social Media & Webpage Content Assist	COV
Melissa Reese	APIO	News Media Monitoring Lead Writer Assist PIO Liaison to Valdez School District	VSC
Dan Plaster	APIO	Runner & Logistics	COV
Seed Media	APIO	Videography (Formal)	Seed Media



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