

**VALDEZ COVID-19  
EMERGENCY DECLARATION  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Valdez Unified Command**

**MARCH 16, 2021**



# INITIAL OBJECTIVES OF UNIFIED COMMAND

- **Objective 1: Establish control measures to minimize spread of the virus-** Total vaccinations in Valdez should be between 1,500-2,000 by end of April 2021.
- **Objective 2: Strengthen and monitor resiliency of essential services** –Schools, Health Care, Social Services, and City government have to continued to function during emergency and are operational.
- **Objective 3: Create a plan for Valdez Patient # 1.**
- **Objective 4: Create a plan for staffing essential functions (proper routing of requests and expenses- 213RR)**
- **Objective 5: Establish a reserve pool of health care workers (Alternate Care Site, Mass Testing)-** Hospitalizations due to virus have been minimal in Valdez and hospital capacity around the State has increased in last few months.
- **Objective 6: Support Fisheries Task Force-2020** was successful in terms of controlling virus in fishing industry within Valdez and has created model for 2021.



## HOW OBJECTIVES WILL BE MEET WITHOUT EMERGENCY DECLARATION

- **Objective 1: Establish control measures to minimize spread of the virus-** Vaccinations PODS will continue to be coordinated through Public messaging and coordination through Public Health Nurse and Fire Chief as lead personnel.
- **Objective 2: Strengthen and monitor resiliency of essential services.**
- **Objective 3: Create a plan for Valdez Patient # 1.-**Messaging about new cases will be periodically updated on web site.
- **Objective 4: Create a plan for staffing essential functions (proper routing of requests and expenses- 213RR)-**Capital Facilities and Finance will continue monitoring expenses related to COVID for future reimbursement.
- **Objective 5: Establish a reserve pool of health care workers (Alternate Care Site, Mass Testing)-** Testing will continue via contract with Medical Clinics and testing supplies will be coordinated by Emergency Manager/Capital Facilities.
- **Objective 6: Support Fisheries Task Force-**2020 was successful in terms of controlling virus in fishing industry within Valdez and has created model for 2021.



## CHANGES WITH END OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

- ✓ COVID 19 Unified Command structure will cease operating (reporting periods, meetings, positions, and titles in NIMS system will end).
- ✓ City Council Meetings all in person and require regular notice (no longer able to create meeting with 6 hour notice).
- ✓ End of weekly COVID-19 news updates (web site will be used for announcements).
- ✓ Normal procurement rules and other City policy and procedures (City Manager/Incident Commander emergency powers cease).
- ✓ Other Incident Commander/City Manager emergency powers cease (such as waiver of zoning requirements in certain instances).
- ✓ Logistic requests from City will be exceptions (providing mitigation supplies).
- ✓ COVID 19 Updates will end at Council meeting and be replaced periodically in City Manager's report.

-Emergency Declaration will expire May 7, 2021.

-Council is not required to take formal action to allow emergency to expire.

-Staff can still bring back extension of Emergency Declaration based on situation conditions prior to May 7, 2021 or Council can request extension be placed on Agenda.

# VALDEZ COVID-19 UNIFIED COMMAND



## Incident Commanders

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### Safety Officer

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for full JIC  
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### Logistics Section Chief

Stan Porritt  
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### Finance Section Chief

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MAYOR'S COVID 19 ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY INITIATIVES AND TASKS

<http://www.valdezak.gov/557/Valdez-COVID-19-Economic-Relief-Recovery>

- ✓ **Business Economic Recovery Grant Program** – Recommending one more month of applications and then will evaluate program at the end of summer.
- ✓ **Community Event Mitigation Plans**-Plans will still be required for all City sponsored events and consultations will occur upon requests.
- ✓ **COVID Conscious Business Program** –Will continue accepting applications through summer and program will be evaluate at conclusion of summer
- ✓ **Marketing Efforts for 2021** –Programs will continue along with branding efforts and travel incentive programs.
- ✓ **Business Advertising and Marketing Grant Program**-Program has processed two rounds of applications and will be reconsidered in fall.

# MASK MANDATE

- **Mask Mandate will expire May 7, 2021.**
  - Opportunity for vaccination will be available to vast majority of community in time frame.
  - Spring/summer season has less transmission than Winter/Fall season (11 Cases through last summer-over 70 cases in fall/winter.
  - Support alternate care site resourcing and staffing (Site not currently set up; staged for rapid redeployment; scalable to size of need)
- **Masking will be continue in certain locations.**
  - Masking will be likely be required at airport, Post Office, Safeway, and City facilities beyond mask mandate.
  - Public health messaging will still involve recommendations on masking.
  - Staff or Council can still place on Council agenda if situation changes (outbreak occurs).