

CITY OF SAINT PAUL ALASKA

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 21-93

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY “HUNKER DOWN” ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT SAINT PAUL ISLAND

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm our healthcare system, endangering the lives and wellbeing of the people on Saint Paul Island;

WHEREAS, the City has reported its first positive case of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is highly contagious and the most effective way to prevent its spread throughout Saint Paul Island is through restricting residents from leaving their homes as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Unified Command seeks to preserve the health and safety of our community while ensuring that vital goods and services continue to be available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL:

The City Council orders the following emergency response to preserve life on Saint Paul Island. The following emergency regulations go into effect on April 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm for 14 days ending on April 15, 2021 at 6 pm.

1. Stay at Home Guidelines

- a. Everyone on Saint Paul Island shall stay at home as much as possible, except to:
 - i. work in certain essential businesses as defined below;
 - ii. to buy, sell, or deliver groceries or other important goods;
 - iii. to receive or provide health care; and
 - iv. to get fresh air without contacting others.
- b. Home may include a residence, temporary residence, or a shelter.
- c. On the limited occasion that individuals are permitted to leave home, they should maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household whenever possible.
- d. Individuals are strongly encouraged to practice recommended hygiene, including regular hand washing.

- e. Individuals are required to wear a cloth face-covering or mask whenever in indoor public facilities.

2. “High Risk” Individuals

- a. It is strongly recommended, in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, that individuals deemed “high risk” should take even greater precautions and avoid leaving home as much as possible.
- b. “High risk” individuals include those 60 years and older and individuals of any age with a serious underlying medical condition.
- c. Anyone deemed “high risk” should reduce exposure by staying at home, not physically going to work, and not doing their own shopping, if possible.
- d. Household members of those who are “high risk” should implement these more stringent guidelines as well, to the extent possible.

3. Positive Test Result or COVID-19 Symptoms

- a. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 shall isolate in their home away from other individuals until 10 days after the date of the positive test , and may only leave to seek medical care.
- b. Individuals who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea, shall isolate in their home until 1) at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared; 2) at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication; and 3) improvement in other COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals with severe COVID-19 illness or who are immunocompromised should consult with a healthcare provider to determine how long they should isolate in their home.
- c. Businesses shall not knowingly permit symptomatic employees or others likely to be contagious with COVID-19 to work outside the home.

4. Essential Businesses

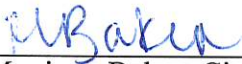
- a. Businesses deemed “essential” serve critical roles that are necessary to combat this public health emergency or that provide critical community functions are to remain open.
- b. All other businesses must close their premises; however, businesses and entities may continue to utilize telecommuting or work from home procedures. Assuming proper physical distancing measures can be accomplished, up to two people may be inside a non-essential business that is closed to the public for the purposes of essential upkeep, site maintenance, performing payroll, or facilitating remote business operations or online order fulfillment through email or physical mail.
- c. “Essential businesses” are identified in Section 3 of City Emergency Ordinance 21-92.

FURTHER, this Emergency Ordinance extends Emergency Ordinance 21-92 for another 30 days until April 30, 2021.

FURTHER, this Emergency Ordinance may be reauthorized or extended by the City Council as necessary, each extension being for a finite period of time.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 1st DAY OF APRIL, 2021 BY 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED AND 0 ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:



Monique Baker, City Clerk


Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor