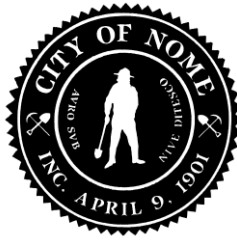


**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland  
**Manager**  
Glenn Steckman  
**Clerk**  
Bryant Hammond



**Nome City Council**  
Jerald Brown  
Doug Johnson  
Mark Johnson  
Adam Martinson  
Jennifer Reader  
Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

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EXECUTIVE SESSIONADJOURNMENT

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

United States of America           )  
 State of Alaska                        )  
 Second Judicial District            )                       ss.

“I, **Zoe Okleasik**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the State of Alaska, and the Ordinances of the Municipality of Nome, and that I will, to the best of my ability, honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of my office of **City of Nome Youth Representative** without fear, favor or partiality and therein to do every justice to all persons and to the City, so help me GOD.”

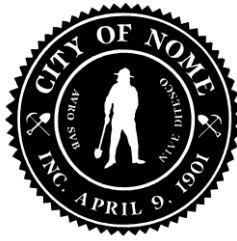
**SIGNED AND SWORN** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Zoe Okleasik**  
 Youth Representative

**ATTEST:**

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**Bryant Hammond**  
 City Clerk

**Mayor**  
John K. Handeland  
**Manager**  
Glenn Steckman  
**Clerk**  
Bryant Hammond



**Nome City Council**  
Jerald Brown  
Doug Johnson  
Mark Johnson  
Adam Martinson  
Jennifer Reader  
Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

Item A.

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Handeland in Council Chambers located at 102 Division St in Nome Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer Reader; Meghan Topkok (telephonic);

Members Absent: Doug Johnson (excused); Molly Kenick (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager;

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter (KNOM); RB Smith (Nome Nugget); Ken Hughes; Sue Greenly; Rhonda Schneider; Cathy DeAngelis; Joe Horton; Anna Ashenfelter; Jennifer Dean-Johnson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Handeland asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. June 8, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. September 14, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the June 8<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- C. Letter of September 15, 2020 from Nome Community Center to City of Nome re: Basketball Court - West Side of Town.
- D. Memorandum of September 19, 2020 from Investigator Murry to Chief Heintzleman re: Commendation Recommendation.

### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Anna Ashenfelter informed those present of a march on Saturday for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.
- 2) Sue Greenly informed the Council a mentally ill individual who entered her residence uninvited and unannounced. She requested definitive and public action to address the growing tide of criminality.
- 3) Scot Henderson requested the City consider establishing an economic development office in the City with CARES Act funding.
- 4) Ken Hughes spoke against R-20-09-06 reading a prepared statement.
- 5) Judy Martinson spoke in favor of economic development, but suggested making it through the winter was a priority.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- E. O-20-08-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by the City of Nome by Public Sealed Bid.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:29 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:29 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. to adopt O-20-08-01.

At the roll call:

Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. O-20-09-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the City of Nome (City) from Elsa Bronson for the Fixed Price of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to advance O-20-09-01.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-20-09-06 A Resolution in Support of Black Lives Matter.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-20-09-06.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to amend R-20-09-06 by adding “to injustices such as” between to and the in the second line of the first recital.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Martinson; Reader; Topkok

Nay: M. Johnson

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

A motion was made C. Brown and seconded by C. Reader to amend R-20-09-06 by changing “City” to “citizens” in the fourth recital.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion:

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to amend R-20-09-06 by changing “effectively articulated” to “highlighted” in the second recital.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

At the roll call call:

Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

- H. R-20-09-07 A Resolution Appointing Election Judges and Clerks for the 2020 Municipal Election and Setting Their Compensation.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-07.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Reader to amend R-20-09-07 by excising all mention to the State of Alaska and raising judges pay to \$16 per hour and clerks to \$15 per hour.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call

Aye: Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

- I. R-20-09-08 A Resolution Expressing the City of Nome's Support for the Nome Public Schools' 18-Unit Apartment Project for Professional Housing.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-08.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- J. R-20-09-09 A Resolution of the City of Nome Allocating \$200,000 of CARES Act Funding to the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-09.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- K. R-20-09-10 A Resolution of the City of Nome Authorizing the City Manager to Develop and Implement an Additional Round of CARES Act Funding for Businesses, Carvers, and Residents Connected to the Nome Joint Utility System Grid.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-10.

At the roll call:

Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

#### UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- L. Activity Report September 15 - 25, 2020.

Assistant Manager Morton gave his report, discussing Thornbush subdivision, a power failure, and sanitary sewer testing.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- M. Activity Report September 15 - 25, 2020.

Manager Steckman presented his report, discussing "u call we haul," the previous weeks meetings, the plan for snow removal over winter, and issues involving the placing and permitting of fill.

N. August 20, 2020 Port Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

#### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Ken Hughes spoke in appreciation of the discussion on R-20-09-06.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Brown – no comments.
- 2) Council Member Mark Johnson appreciated the discussion on the Black Lives Matter resolution and thanked staff for their hard work.
- 3) Council Member Martinson – no comments.
- 4) Council Member Reader appreciated Officers Martino and Murray's dedication and noted she was excited for the Nome Public Schools apartment complex project.
- 5) Council Member Topkok echoed the words of appreciation for Nome Police Department and expressed condolences to the family of Florence Okpealuk. She suggested greater discussion between NPD and the Public Safety Advisory Commission and cited a Vice News article discussing the use of social workers in low-risk police calls in Eugene, OR.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

O. Activity Report September 15 - 25, 2020.

Mayor Handeland delivered his report, highlighting work on Thornbush between NJUS and the Port Commission, the previous weeks Public Safety Advisory Commission meeting and a recent Covid-19 spike in the region. Mayor Handeland asked that letters of interest for the Public Safety Advisory Commission be turned in prior to the October 12<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting.

P. Reappointment of Charlie Lean to Seat B of the Nome Port Commission.

Q. Reappointment of Jim West, Jr. to Seat C of the Nome Port Commission.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to confirm Mayor Handeland's appointments.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

R. Appointment of Public Safety Advisory Commission Seat G.

Mayor Handeland explained his appointment would be forthcoming at a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adjourn.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:39 PM.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

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**John K. Handeland**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
City Clerk

**MINUTES  
NOME CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2020**

The special meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 12:01 PM by Mayor Handeland in Council Chambers located at 102 Division St in Nome Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Doug Johnson (telephonic); Mark Johnson; Jennifer Reader; Meghan Topkok (telephonic)

Members Absent: Adam Martinson (excused); Molly Kenick (excused)

Also Present: John Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk

In the audience:

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Handeland asked if there were changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. M. Johnson to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, **CARRIED**.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

*None given*

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. R-20-10-01 A Resolution Canvassing the Results of the October 6, 2020 Municipal Election.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-20-10-01.

Discussion:

- Clerk Hammond gave a brief summary of the 2020 municipal election.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the Nome Common Council  
adjourned at 12:05 PM

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
**City Clerk**



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

## Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

DIVISION OF STATEWIDE AVIATION

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October 16, 2020

Dear Property Owner or Occupant:

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is conducting a comprehensive evaluation of for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination at state owned airports. Firefighters at the Nome Airport have used aqueous film forming foam (AFFF), a standard firefighting agent that contains PFAS, to extinguish hydrocarbon fires during training exercises and emergency events.

The DOT&PF has contracted with environmental consulting firm, Shannon & Wilson, Inc., to sample water supply wells, groundwater, soil, and surface water primarily on Nome Airport property. We understand much of the well search area is served by the Nome Joint Utility System. However, Shannon & Wilson, Inc. is checking to verify connection to utility water or if your property has a water supply well as a secondary water source.

Shannon & Wilson, Inc. will be in Nome **Oct. 20 through Oct. 28, 2020**. If you have an active well please call (907) 434-2464 to schedule a sampling appointment. Water supply well sample results will be compared to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency health advisory level of 70 parts per trillion for the sum of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), two compounds within the PFAS family. PFAS are emerging contaminants, research into the health effects of exposure to PFAS is ongoing. Results of the water samples will be shared with property owners and residents. If your drinking-water well is found to have PFAS above the advisory level, DOT&PF will assist with access to clean drinking water.

In response to the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic it has been requested of countries, communities, companies and individuals to do their part to make every effort to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19. DOT&PF and Shannon & Wilson, Inc. have submitted protective plans to the state of Alaska in accordance with Health Mandate 10, and are committed to ensuring the health, safety and protection of personnel, their families and the communities in which they serve.

The project team has been in contact with your local government to obtain permission and ensure compliance with travel, testing, and quarantine requirements for essential workers. Water supply well sampling requires special consideration due to the nature of the work.

Shannon & Wilson, Inc. field personnel shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- COVID-19 guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control;
- Field staff will ask residents a series of questions to determine if the environment is safe to enter for all parties involved;
- Field staff will not collect samples where either the owner or occupant refuses access; and
- When possible, field staff will purge wells and obtain a sample from an outside spigot.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or see the enclosed contact list to identify the most appropriate person or agency for your inquiry. To view the DOT&PF COVID-19 protective plan visit: <https://bit.ly/2Y1oTPV>. We appreciate your patience as we work through this process.

Sincerely,

Sammy Cummings  
PFAS Program Manager, DOT&PF Statewide Aviation



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### PFAS Fact Sheet – Nome Airport

October 2020

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of manmade chemicals used for a wide variety of residential, commercial, and industrial uses. PFAS are considered emerging environmental contaminants and the health effects are not well known. PFAS are used in a large number of consumer products ranging from fabric waterproofing compounds, non-stick cookware, stain resistant carpeting, some food packaging and firefighting foams.

The presumed source of PFAS in groundwater in your community is the use of a fire-fighting foam called aqueous film forming foam (AFFF). Airport firefighters used the foam to extinguish petroleum fires during training exercises and emergency events.

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has hired Shannon & Wilson to test water supply wells near the airport for perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and other PFAS compounds. Much of the well search area is served by the Nome Joint Utility System and may not have wells.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lifetime health advisory (LHA) level for drinking water is **70 parts per trillion** for the sum of PFOS and PFOA, two compounds within the PFAS family.

We advise residents with test results above this level not to use their water for drinking or cooking. If your well is considered affected, you can continue to shower, clean, and do laundry.

Test results are typically available within three to four weeks of sample collection. If your well is found to have PFAS above the EPA LHA, DOT&PF will assist with access to an alternate source of drinking water.

**Website:** [www.dot.alaska.gov/airportwater/](http://www.dot.alaska.gov/airportwater/)

**For questions about well testing:**

Shannon & Wilson, Inc.  
Marcy Nadel, Project Manager  
Phone in Nome: 907-434-2464  
Office Phone: 907-458-3150  
Email: [mdn@shanwil.com](mailto:mdn@shanwil.com)

**For regulatory questions:**

Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Kara Kusche, Contaminated Sites Program  
Phone: 907-269-7530  
Email: [kara.kusche@alaska.gov](mailto:kara.kusche@alaska.gov)

**For questions about PFAS and health effects:**

Alaska Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Sarah Yoder, Public Health Specialist  
Phone: 907-269-8054  
Email: [sarah.yoder@alaska.gov](mailto:sarah.yoder@alaska.gov)

**To file an insurance claim:**

Division of Risk Management  
Ken Simpson, Claims Administrator  
Phone: 907-465-2183  
Email: [ken.simpson@alaska.gov](mailto:ken.simpson@alaska.gov)

**For questions about fire training & other inquiries:**

DOT&PF – Statewide Aviation  
Sammy Cummings, PFAS Program Manager  
Phone: 907-888-5671  
Email: [airportwater@alaska.gov](mailto:airportwater@alaska.gov)

**Presented by:**

City Manager

**Action Taken:**

Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No\_\_\_\_\_

Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA  
ORDINANCE NO. O-20-10-01**

AN EXTENSION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF NOME

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-20-07, authorizing the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and,

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-20-05-03, extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-21-07-01, extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Ordinance No. O-21-07-02 extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nome Emergency Operations Plan (“EOP”), approved by Resolution No. R-11-09-05, recognizes that for emergency management organization in disaster emergencies may require the City to operate in a manner different from normal, day-to-day routines; and,

WHEREAS, the EOP provides guidance for preparedness, protection, response and recovery from emergencies that occur in or near the community of Nome, said Plan has been activated, and the City Manager is designated as Incident Commander (“IC”) to operate under a Unified Command (“UC”) structure; and,

WHEREAS, the IC is currently convening the UC on a regular basis, allowing for coordination of resources and responses, and the collective input of existing local

government, agencies and resources and selected volunteer and private resources within the City to develop and implement the City's response and management of this disaster;

WHEREAS, the Nome Common Council finds to provide for timely response to situational development, it is prudent and in the best interest of the citizens of Nome to extend the authorization of emergency authority it granted to the City Manager through O-21-07-02 through June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Nome Common Council as follows:

**SECTION 1. Classification.** This is a non-Code temporary ordinance.

**SECTION 2. Legislative Findings and Declaration of Emergency.** The council adopts by reference the Whereas clauses contained in Emergency Ordinances O-20-07, O-20-05-03, and O-21-07-01 and Ordinance O-21-07-02 and declares that the coronavirus threat and impact are and remain a public health emergency.

**SECTION 3. Authorization of Emergency Authority.**

1. In addition to any other powers conferred on the Nome Common Council by law, in order to prepare and position city resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus, the Nome Common Council acting through the City Manager and subject to subsequent Council ratification as set forth in Section 3 below is authorized to:

(a) Suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for the conduct of City business, or the orders or regulations of any City department, if compliance with the provisions of the statute, order, or regulation would prevent, substantially impede, or delay action necessary to cope with the emergency;

(b) Use all the resources of City government as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency;

(c) Transfer personnel or alter the functions of City departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating the performance of emergency management;

(d) Control ingress to and egress from an affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises in it;

(e) Suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of alcoholic beverages.

2. At all times when orders made and promulgated pursuant to this declaration of emergency shall be in effect, they shall supersede all existing ordinances, orders, rules, and regulations insofar as the latter may be inconsistent therewith.

3. The City Manager shall report to the City Council at the next meeting, whether it be regularly scheduled or a special session, on actions taken, under authority

conferred in section 1 above, that were found necessary and prudent to address this emergency, including those which were promulgated by Emergency Order or Mandate. The City Council may by motion ratify or vacate any or all actions or provide direction to the City Manager for rescinding or amendment.

4. Should the City Manager become unable to fulfill these duties, the order of succession for acting as City Manager shall be the Nome Joint Utility Manager, and then City Clerk.

5. Enforcement: Violation of any order made and promulgated by the city manager pursuant to this declaration of emergency shall be a minor offense subject to a penalty of five hundred dollars per offense plus the state surcharge required by AS 12.55.039 and 29.25.074.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance is effective upon adoption and expires on midnight June 30, 2021 unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Nome Common Council.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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John Handeland  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bryant Hammond  
City Clerk

**Presented By.**  
City Manager

**Action Taken:**  
Yes\_\_\_\_  
No\_\_\_\_  
Abstain\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-20-10-03**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2020 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,176**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome endeavors to protect the life and property of residents of and visitors to Nome; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs received funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security program and solicited applications for the FY 2020 Alaska Homeland Security and Emergency Management State Homeland Security Program Grant; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome partnered with Kawerak, Inc., the non-profit consortium serving the tribes of the Bering Strait Region, in seeking funds to address current equipment needs with respect to emergency preparedness in Nome and the Bering Strait Region; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs awarded the City of Nome and Kawerak, Inc. a partial award of \$46,176;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nome Common Council hereby accepts the grant from the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs in the amount of \$46, 176 and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement for the funds.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
City Clerk

**Department of Military and  
Veterans' Affairs**Division of Homeland Security  
and Emergency ManagementP.O. Box 5750  
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of ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

October 1, 2020

Glenn Steckman  
City of Nome  
PO Box 281  
Nome, AK 99762RE: 2020 State Homeland Security Program, EMW-2020-SS-00012-S01  
State Grant No.: 20SHSP-GY20

Mr. Steckman:

We received funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2020 State Homeland Security Program. We are pleased to award the City of Nome the amount of \$46,176.00 under this grant. Funding from this program is provided to support, build, and sustain the ability of states, territories, and urban areas to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other all-hazards events.

Please review the Grant Requirement and Program Terms and Conditions. Program Terms and Conditions will be discussed at the 2020 electronic Grant Kick-Off Meeting to be held in fall 2020.

Please review Project Budget Details for Environmental and Historical Preservation requirements and approved project specifics. As a reminder, all procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition. To ensure this, we require a Procurement Method Report with every expense (with the exception of local advertising, legal notices, and travel arrangements) submitted for reimbursement under this grant and pre-approvals may be required at multiple steps in the procurement process. Please see the Procurement Method Report for additional details.

The 2020 State Homeland Security Program requires completion of the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) by all subrecipients by December 31, 2020. More information on this online, self-assessment is will be provided at the 2020 electronic Kick-Off Meeting.

Attached is a pre-signed Obligating Award Document (OAD). Please review the information for accuracy and review any Special Conditions. Please print the document, sign the OAD, and send a scanned copy to [mva.grants@alaska.gov](mailto:mva.grants@alaska.gov) within 30 days of subrecipient receipt. Keep the hard copy for your records.

Mr. Steckman  
October 1, 2020  
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If the OAD cannot be returned within 30 days due to local jurisdiction policies, a Notice of Intent to Accept Grant Award form must be submitted. The form and instructions are available for download on our Grants website, <http://ready.alaska.gov/grants>.

If signatory points of contacts have changed since submittal of the application, please complete and return a Signatory Authority Form with the signed OAD. The Signatory Authority Form is available for download on our Grants website. If needed, Electronic Payment enrollment forms are also available upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division Project Manager for this grant, Tiffany Peltier, at (907) 428-7026 or by email at [mva.grants@alaska.gov](mailto:mva.grants@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,



William A. Dennis  
Administrative Operations Manager

Attached:     Obligating Award Document  
                  Project Budget Details Report  
                  Quarterly Activities Plan

cc: Rosemary Tootkaylok, Jurisdiction Project Manager  
     Nickie Crowe, Jurisdiction Chief Financial Officer

**Presented By.**  
City Manager

**Action Taken:**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-20-10-04**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A HIRING BONUS OF \$10,000 TO CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS ABLE TO COMMIT AT LEAST TWO YEARS TO THE NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome maintains and staffs a Police Department (NPD) in the City of Nome; and,

**WHEREAS**, City administration and the Nome Common Council desire a well-trained, competent, and stable workforce staffing NPD; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome has experienced difficulty in maintaining such in the past, resulting in expensive training going un-utilized after officers resign; and,

**WHEREAS**, City administration proposes a hiring bonus of \$10,000 for certified Police Officer I and Police Officer II applicants upon two-year commitment of employment at NPD. In the event of the employee terminating employment prior to the completion of the agreement, the officer will repay the hiring bonus in a pro-rated manner; and,

**WHEREAS**, the agreement shall be in writing and shall remain the officer's personnel file for the duration of their employment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nome Common Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into agreements with certified Police Officer I and II applicants for a \$10,000 hiring bonus upon commitment to NPD for a period of not less than two years.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
City Clerk

**Presented By.**  
City Manager

**Action Taken:**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-20-10-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NOME AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PHASE IV OF CARES ACT FUNDING FOR BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome declared a state of emergency on March 17, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Nome Common Council has repeatedly affirmed this state of emergency and extended emergency powers to the City Manager until December 31, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented the community of Nome with operating challenges; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome has released three rounds of funding for Covid-19 relief to businesses, carvers, and residents in Nome; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome wishes to release a fourth round of relief to businesses consisting of a grant of \$2,500 to businesses that have altered their business physically to provide protection from COVID-19 to employees and customers and a \$1,500 utility credit to businesses who utility bill exceeds \$1,500 per month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nome Common Council authorizes the City Manager to develop and implement an additional round of CARES Act funding for businesses impacted by COVID-19.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
City Clerk

TO: Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

October 23, 2020

**Manager's Report:**

**Homeland Security Grant:**

The City with Kawerak applied for a grant from Homeland Security. The original grant request was for \$309,037.59. The City and Kawerak received \$46,176.00. Most of the money went to the purchase of cots and a drone.

**Library Virtual Author meeting:**

The City is working to expand its virtual meeting capabilities. As part of that goal, the Library hosted a virtual meeting with Heather Lende, an Alaskan author in the Common Council chambers. Twenty participants took part virtually. The overall comments were positive.

**Vandalism at Old St. Joe's:**

Graffiti was sprayed along the walls and side porch of Old. St. Joe's. I would like to recognize Ethan Ahkvaluk who received permission to spray over the graffiti until it could be corrected by city staff.

**Airport Complaints:**

City staff is working to better explain the City's Health Emergency Ordinance and the City Manager's Emergency Order. State workers are now expected to fill out travel form. This has created some challenges with state employees. Overall though, people are working with city staff and hospital staff. The city and the hospital are getting compliments on our efficiency and working with people. But, we can always do better!

**AMMA:**

I attended a two day Alaska Managers meeting to discuss the history of unorganized boroughs in Alaska. The meeting discussed the pros and cons of what has been called the completion of moving from unorganized boroughs to a borough form of government. The back drop to the discussion was increasing revenue. It was an interesting discussion. But, the diversity of Alaska and its wide open spaces demonstrates there is no one size fits all approach.

CITY OF NOME  
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020- 08

Issued Pursuant to Emergency Ordinance No. 21-07-02

The City Manager of the City of Nome orders as follows:

1. Findings and Basis for Order.

A. The Findings and Basis for Emergency Order No. 2020-06 and Emergency Order No. 2020-07 are incorporated by reference and as modified below.

B. As of the date of this Order there have been twenty-four confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Nome and 84 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in communities in the Nome Census Area other than Nome.

C. As of the date of this Order there are at least 11,182 confirmed cases of Covid-19 that have been reported in Alaska; 6,188 of which were reported in Anchorage. At least sixty-three people have died in Alaska of Covid-19.

D. As of the date of this Order there are at least 68 Alaskan communities in which the Covid-19 virus has been confirmed to be present. All communities in the Nome Census Area have reported a confirmed case of Covid-19.

E. On June 5, 2020, the Governor of Alaska revised State Mandate 18 pertaining to intrastate travel. Revised State Mandate 18 recognizes that Alaskan communities not connected by the state road system may adopt more stringent travel rules than those contained in State Mandate 18.

F. On October 15, 2020, the Governor of Alaska revised Health Mandate 10.1 pertaining to interstate and international travel to Alaska.

G. The quarantine provisions in this order are adopted as allowed under Alaska Statutes.

H. Emergency Ordinance No. O-20-05-03 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by Emergency Ordinance No. O-20-07 subject to City Council ratification through July 14, 2020. Emergency Ordinance No. O-21-07-01 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by Emergency Ordinance Nos. O-20-07 and O-20-05-03 through September 11, 2020; Ordinance O-21-07-02 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by previous emergency ordinances through December 31, 2020.

2. Authority for Order. This Order is issued pursuant to the City of Nome's general police powers including, but not limited to the authority set forth in Section 18.10.040 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to regulate the use of real property to "Provide protection from flood, and fire hazards and other dangers" and to "Promote the health, safety and general welfare of city residents", and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by Ordinance No. 0-20-07 and Ordinance No. 0-20-05-03 and Ordinance No. 0-21-07-02 subject to City Council ratification to exercise discretion to regulate public accommodations and to control ingress to and egress from Nome and to control the movement of persons within Nome in order to reduce or limit the spread of corona virus all as allowed by Alaska Statutes in order to implement the public health recommendations of NSHC, the President of the United States, the CDC, the Governor of the State of Alaska and staff of Norton Sound Regional Health Corporation to reduce or limit the spread of the corona virus within and from Nome.

3. Quarantine Requirements for Persons Permitted to Travel to Nome. Persons permitted to travel to Nome shall not automatically be subject to a specific quarantine. Persons who are traveling to Nome from within the Nome Census Area are not required to quarantine. Persons traveling to Nome from outside the Nome Census Area may select one of the following quarantine options:

A. 14-Day Quarantine- Travelers who do not voluntarily request testing for COVID-19 at the Nome Airport upon arrival shall be subject to a 14-day self-quarantine at their final destination in Nome.

B. 7-Day Quarantine- Travelers who; 1) are tested for COVID-19 at the Nome Airport upon arrival; and, 2) are tested a second time for COVID-19 seven days after arrival in Nome will be released from self-quarantine at their final destination in Nome if both tests are negative for COVID-19. Travelers who test positive for COVID-19 shall remain in self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of the last positive test for COVID-19. All test information shall be retained by Norton Sound Health Corporation.

4. Travel Form Required. All persons using the Essential Air Travel District to travel to Nome from outside the Nome Census Area must complete and submit a Travel Form ("Form") prior to or upon arrival.

5. Travel Form Not Required. The following persons using the Essential Air Travel District are not required to complete and submit a Travel Form:

1. Persons leaving Nome.
2. Persons traveling to Nome from within the Nome Census Area.
3. Persons traveling to Nome to receive required medical care.

6. Contents of Travel Form. The travel form shall contain sufficient information to lead the city manager to reasonably conclude the person traveling to Nome: 1) is identified as and is traveling

to Nome to perform essential services or critical infrastructure work or 2) is traveling to Nome for Critical Personal Needs or 3) is traveling to Nome for subsistence purposes or 4) has elected to travel to Nome for reasons other than Critical Personal Needs such as for non-subsistence recreational purposes or to visit friends and relatives and 5) has identified a plan to quarantine while in Nome and a quarantine location that meets the quarantine requirements of State Mandates 10 (Interstate and International Travel); 17 (commercial fishing industry); and 18 (Intrastate Travel).

7. Continuation of the Essential Air Travel District. The previously established Essential Air Travel District shall remain in effect. Consisting of two subdistricts:

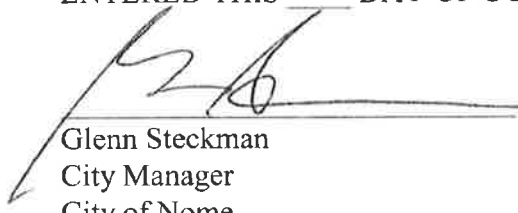
a. Subdistrict 1 - the real property at the Nome Airport owned and operated by the State of Alaska Department of Public Transportation, the Nome Airport Terminal and its immediate surroundings including the adjacent parking lot and extending to the intersection of Seppala Drive and Center Creek Road

b. Subdistrict 2 - the real property at City Field and its immediate surroundings including adjacent parking areas and extending to the boundary of the existing right of way for the Beltz Highway also known as the Nome-Teller Highway.

8. Effective Period. This order shall remain in effect until midnight, December 31, 2020 unless modified or extended by a subsequent emergency order that is ratified by the Nome Common Council or unless modified by the Nome Common Council.

9. Inconsistent Provisions Superseded. As set forth in Section 3 of Ordinance No. O-21-07-02, this Order supersedes any inconsistent ordinances, rules or regulations of the City of Nome.

ENTERED THIS 19 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020

  
Glenn Steckman  
City Manager  
City of Nome

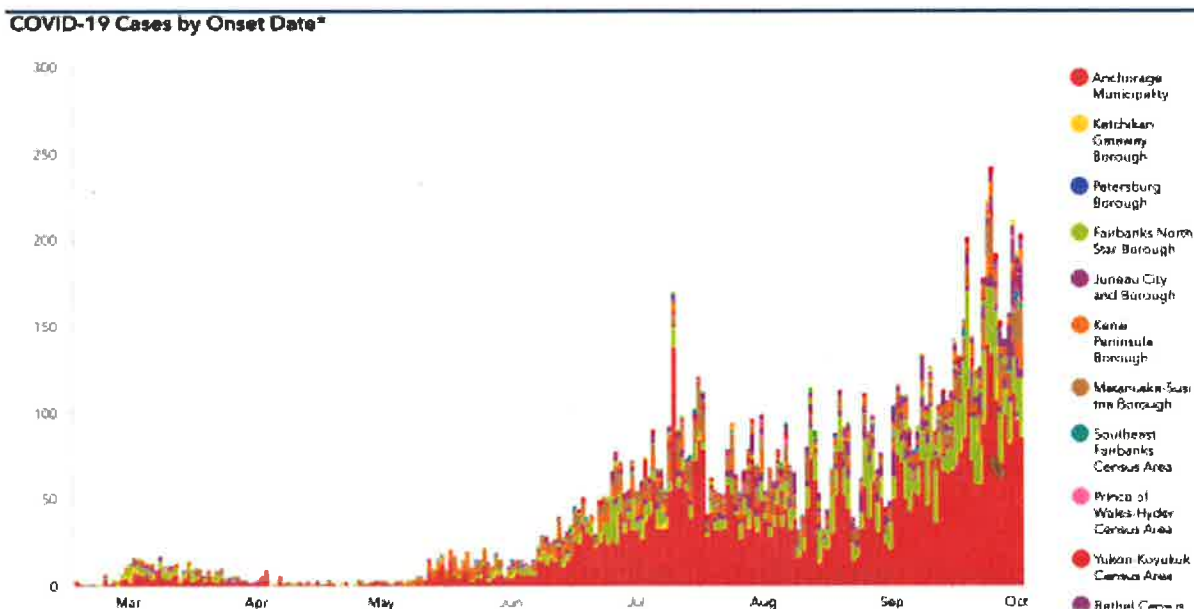
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# ‘Skyrocketing’ cases among those in their 20s and 30s driving new COVID-19 spike

October 19, 2020 by Lex Treinen, Alaska Public Media

(<https://www.ktoo.org/author/alaska-public-media/>)



*Screen shot of the Alaska’s coronavirus dashboard reflecting the spike in cases as of October 19, 2020.*

Alaska recorded three straight days of more than 200 coronavirus cases beginning on Friday as a COVID-19 surge continues in the state.

Anchorage continues to account for about half of the state’s cases. But Fairbanks, the North and Northwest Arctic, and the Y-K Delta have also seen sharper increases over the last few weeks.

Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have started to rise in the past days, though hospitals still report having some free capacity.

State Epidemiologist Joe McLaughlin says that the new cases have been linked to many different kinds of gatherings, but there is a demographic group that has seen the steepest increase.

“We’re seeing really skyrocketing cases in adults in their 20s, through their 30s, followed by adults in their 40s to 50s. But we’re also seeing increases in cases in children, as well as older adults,” he said.

At a press conference last week, he said there is a regional difference between the most recent surge and the first and second waves.

“We’ve got wider dispersion of cases than we had a couple months ago. We’re seeing more communities impacted, more outbreaks occurring and in some of our smaller, more rural communities (<https://www.ktoo.org/2020/10/14/after-early-containment-covid-19-spreads-rapidly-in-rural-alaska/>),” he said.

Health officials are reminding Alaskans to take health precautions seriously as winter weather pushes people indoors.



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# ***Worried About Covid-19 in the Winter? Alaska Provides a Cautionary Tale***

The state is seeing record case numbers, adding to evidence that the virus is poised to thrive as the weather grows colder.



On Friday, the weekly average of new coronavirus cases in Alaska reached its highest point of the year. Credit...Ash Adams for The New York Times



**By Mike Baker**

- Oct. 21, 2020 Updated 1:59 p.m. ET

PALMER, Alaska — Over the summer months, Alaska's restaurants filled up, the state invited tourists to come explore and fisheries workers arrived by the thousands to live in crowded bunkhouses. And yet the coronavirus remained largely in check.

Of course, Alaska had the benefit of isolation and wide-open spaces. But officials had also developed a containment effort unlike any other in the country, doing more testing than almost every other state and then tracking every person who came back positive with an army of contact tracers, following up with daily phone calls for those infected and all their close contacts.

It paid off: Even with the extensive search for possible infections, Alaska was recording some of the fewest coronavirus cases per capita in the nation.

Now, as temperatures begin dipping back below freezing and sunset arrives with dinner, the state's social gatherings, recreational activities and restaurant seating have started moving indoors — and the virus has seized new opportunities. With new case clusters emerging throughout the state, the acclaimed contact tracing system has grown strained.

At a time when cases across the United States are rising and people are growing fatigued by months of restrictions, Alaska's struggles provide an early warning that winter could bring the most devastating phase of the pandemic.

"We've been markedly concerned about what the fall and winter will look like, and I think it's playing out that it's highly concerning," said Dr. Anne Zink, Alaska's chief medical officer.

Image



Diners inside an Anchorage restaurant on Sunday. As temperatures have begun dipping below freezing again, people have started moving back indoors. Credit...Ash Adams for The New York Times

On Friday, the weekly case average in Alaska [reached its highest point of the year](#). The percentage of people testing positive has doubled in recent weeks. In parts of the state, tribal villages have been forced into lockdown.

Across the country, cases have been surging toward new highs since the onset of fall, with more than 59,000 new cases identified on Tuesday. At least 12 states have added

more cases in the past week than in any other seven-day stretch — many of them northern states such as the Dakotas, Wisconsin and Illinois. Along with cold-season gatherings moving into more confined spaces, there is evidence that the coronavirus is more virulent in colder weather and lower relative humidities. Dr. Mohammad Sajadi, who studies infectious diseases at the University of Maryland, was among the researchers who examined global trends in the early part of the pandemic and saw a weather correlation.

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Dr. Sajadi said there could be a range of factors: Researchers have found that some viruses persist longer in colder and drier conditions; that aerosolized viruses can remain more stable in cooler air; that viruses can replicate more swiftly in such conditions; and that human immune systems may respond differently depending on seasons.

It is possible that the virus will spread rapidly in the coming months and create the need for new lockdown restrictions, Dr. Sajadi said.

“The conditions will be prime for something like that happening,” he said.

Alaska faces some particular challenges as winter approaches, with state officials fearing the prospect of an outbreak in a remote village: Most villages in the state are unconnected to the road system, and winter weather could prevent medevac flights from reaching them. Dr. Zink described one small community with no running water that is currently dealing with an outbreak, and weather has already prevented officials from getting supplies in. She declined to identify the community for privacy reasons.

On the western coast of the state, 68 people in the Native village of Kwinhagak have tested positive and four of them have had to get medevac flights to Anchorage, said Ferdinand Cleveland, the tribal administrator. The community has about 800 residents.

Mr. Cleveland said the village has been in a lockdown that is expected to last about a month. He said residents have at times struggled to get supplies such as masks and gloves, and he worries about what lies ahead.

“I’m expecting another wave,” he said.

Gov. Mike Dunleavy said that he had expected cases would go up as the weather changed, and that the state had continued to build out supplemental hospital capacity should it be needed.

“It’s going to be a very tough fall and winter for the entire world,” he said.

In the pandemic of 1918, influenza killed more than half of the residents in some of Alaska’s Native communities. The virus had arrived by boat from Seattle, where crews had screened passengers to prevent any spread, only to have an outbreak begin in Nome in

the days after the ship docked. Most of the territory's deaths during the pandemic occurred over the subsequent weeks.

That history surfaced in the spring, when Alaska was deciding whether to move ahead with a fishing season that would draw thousands of people from elsewhere. Community members balked at the possibility of bringing the virus to areas that had managed to have few if any infections.

The season ultimately went ahead with extensive testing and restrictions, including fences that kept workers in processing facilities quarantined to their sites so that any infections could not spread into communities. Officials believe it was largely a success.

The state has also embraced strict strategies at its airports, where arriving passengers must present proof of a recent negative coronavirus test or pay for a test and await results in quarantine. Before leaving the terminal in Anchorage, passengers are funneled to a row of tables where people wearing protective equipment work behind plexiglass shields checking paperwork and informing those found deficient about testing options and quarantine mandates.

But challenges remain. Dr. Zink said that while the contact-tracing goal had been to keep tabs on people daily, that has changed to less-frequent contacts. Public health officials have set a goal to reach every infected person within 24 hours of diagnosis, but with so many cases emerging in recent days, that has at times slid to 48 hours.

"We are still doing contact tracing," Dr. Zink said. "It's just a more bare-bones contact tracing than it was earlier in the pandemic."

One of the challenges that Dr. Zink has consistently faced is convincing residents to wear masks and stay distanced, two tools that public health experts have said can help reduce the spread of the virus. In May, when Governor Dunleavy lifted statewide restrictions, he left decisions about how to manage the pandemic to local jurisdictions.

For masks, that has left some in a bind. In Fairbanks, the mayor said a local order would send people outside the city limits in places where masks would not be required. He instead focused on trying to coax people by encouragement.

In Wasilla over the weekend, people gathered in rows of tables at a German-themed bar for the start of an Oktoberfest celebration. While the outdoor seating offered panoramic views of the snow-capped Chugach Mountains, the weather was near freezing so people crowded inside, where no one was wearing masks.

Down the highway, in Palmer, a few hundred people gathered at an indoor bazaar at the state fair, sampling sweet pecan nuts and touching plush gnomes made of beaver, moose and deer pelts. Most people were not wearing masks, and that included Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, who welcomed children walking up a red carpet to join them for photos before sending them off with lollipops.

They were still taking some precautions, with hand sanitizer available. Darell Schurman, serving as Santa, said he wanted the children to experience the joy of the season and feel a sense of normalcy.

“People can wear their masks for pictures, but they’ve all been taking their masks off,” Mr. Schurman said. “The parents are letting the kids get right up in our laps.”

Mr. Schurman said that the catering business he ran with his wife had been upended by the virus, and that he was hoping the holiday season would provide more opportunities for them to do work at Christmas events.

“We’ve got to get back to normal,” he said.

That was also the goal for the state’s youth hockey organizations. They spent the summer working with government officials on a plan to reopen rinks in Anchorage to allow the fall season to proceed.

But at a tournament this month, videos showed some parents watching from the stands without masks. Darryl Thompson, the president of the Alaska State Hockey Association, who did not attend the tournament, said he believed that too many people were at the games and that parents should have taken more responsibility to keep apart.

“We as a community could have done better,” Mr. Thompson said.

When the tournament was over, the Anchorage Health Department announced it was investigating a “cluster” of cases linked to the games.