

Kotlik, Alaska

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

The Village of Kotlik is committed to providing a safe and healthy community. To ensure we have a safe and healthy environment, we have developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Kotlik Tribal Council, Operations Manager, Logistics Coordinator and Officers are all responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our workplaces and communities, and that requires full cooperation among each other. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of our village.

Management and workers are responsible for implementing and complying with all aspects of this COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. Village of Kotlik Operation Manager, Logistics Coordinator and Officers have our full support in enforcing the provisions of this policy.

The people in the community are our most important assets and we are serious about their safety and health. Our Tribal Council's involvement is essential in developing and implementing a successful COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. We have involved our community in this process by discussing ways to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in Kotlik. Our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Health and Social Service (DHHS) guidelines:

1. Anyone traveling to Kotlik by airplane has to get permission from the Kotlik Tribe (*Tribal Administrator or Logistics Coordinator*).
2. We request that our residents DO NOT travel to neighboring villages without verbal/written permission from the Kotlik Tribe. They must also get permission from the village they are traveling to.
3. No one traveling to or from any community for critical reasons or critical personal travel may be subject to any automatic quarantine or isolation on arrival except as allowed under Alaska Statutes or Health Mandates.
4. Anyone returning home from a correctional facility or another city should self-quarantine for 7 to 14 days upon arrival to the village (*depends on where you are coming from*). A self-monitoring form will be given to record temperatures and possible symptoms.
Definition of Self-Quarantine: Remaining in a designated self-quarantine location for a period of 14 days after arriving from cities that has active COVID-19 cases.

Persons under self-quarantine may:

- Leave their designated quarantine location *ONLY* for medical emergencies or to seek medical care.
- Not visit any public spaces, including: local stores, schools, or any work places.

- Not allow visitors in or out of their designated quarantine location other than a physician, healthcare provider, or authorized individual.
 - Comply with all rules or protocols related to quarantine such as:
 - 1) Comply with social distancing guidelines.
 - 2) Stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) from other people.
 - 3) Do not gather in groups.
 - 4) Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings
5. All residents that travel from another city must notify the Kotlik Tribe upon arrival @ (907) 899-4836.
 6. All public gatherings, meetings, and rentals by profit/non-profit agencies are canceled till further notice in the City Hall.
 7. The Tribal Office is open, but the door is to remain locked. Clients are encouraged to call 899-4326 or 4836 to make an appointment beforehand and this also goes to anyone that wants to use the public washer.
 8. Basic public health related services are continuing to do their regular honeybucket haul.
 9. We encourage outside agencies, contractors and individuals and non-residents not to enter the village of Kotlik unless approved by the Kotlik Tribal Council.
 10. Subsistence hunting and gathering is considered essential and will be allowed.
 11. Outdoor activities (walking, bicycling, running) is permitted when a distance of six or more feet can be maintained between individuals not in the same household.
 12. We strongly encourage others to follow the CDC recommendations. Everyone should follow social distancing measures, including, to the extent reasonably feasible, keeping six feet away from others, avoiding crowded places, using masks and limiting public gatherings to less than 10 people.
 13. Curfew: All residents and visitors are subject to a curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
Exception: Essential businesses and/or critical Infrastructure Industries including healthcare facilities.
 14. We encourage that if you are sick, STAY HOME! Call the Health Clinic @ 899-4511 if you are showing signs of COVID-19.
 15. If a person was in direct contact with a person who tested positive:
 - he/she will be directed to self-quarantine with their whole household for 14 days from the day of contact and follow the quarantine guidelines.
 16. **IF a community member tests positive for COVID-19:**
 - he/she will be directed to self-quarantine with their whole household for 14 days from the positive test result
 - The village of Kotlik will "Hunker Down, which means:
 - 1) Travel to Kotlik is discouraged. No one will be allowed into the village unless you are a healthcare provider or other authorized individual.

- 2) Curfew will become strictly sustained. All violators will be penalized.
- 3) Everyone should comply with social distancing guidelines and visiting other households is strongly prohibited.
- 4) If a shelter is not in place, the person that tested positive shall quarantine at their home with their whole household.
- 5) The Kotlik School Gymnasium will become a shelter for individuals that would like to quarantine outside of their home.
- 6) Kotlik Tribal Office:
- 7) Bill Moore's Slough Office:
- 8) Hamilton Tribal Office:
- 9) City Office:
- 10) Corporation Office:
 - o Tank Farm
- 11) Post Office:
- 12) Kotlik Laufkak
- 13) Alaska Commercial Company: