

**City of Saint Mary's Ordinance 2021-05**  
**An Ordinance to Amend Title 7.17 by Repealing and Re-enacting Title 7.17 to**  
**Address Changes in Recommendations for Travel, Quarantine and Testing**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY Council of the City of SAINT MARY'S, as follows:

**Section 1: Findings and Purpose**

The City Council passed Ordinance 2021-01 to address the spread of the corona virus by adding Section 7.17 of the Saint Mary's Code of Ordinances to make additional changes related to inter-village travel, use of face masks, social distancing, vaccinations, and quarantining.

However, multiple revised guidelines have been issued by both the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC). These guidelines recommend changes from our initial requirements as a result of national and regional vaccination rates, and additional studies on vaccinated people. These changes have lead to fewer restrictions, and for more timely implementation of safeguards for the public. Therefore, the City of Saint Mary's intends to implement these less restrictive guidelines from YKHC and CDC, and may re-issue our guidelines as the recommendations change.

**Section 2: Classification**

This ordinance is of a permanent nature, and upon enactment shall become a part of the City of Saint Mary's Code of Ordinances. However, unless extended or amended by further action of the Council, this ordinance shall expire on January 1, 2022.

**Section 3: Purpose**

This ordinance amends Title 7.17 by dropping most of our restrictions, and by amending our guidelines and recommendations to better reflect contemporary recommendations and changes to guidelines from CDC and YKHC.

**Section 4: Amendment.**

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Saint Mary's, Alaska, is hereby amended by repealing and re-enacting Section 7.17 of the Saint Mary's Code of Ordinances as follows:

7.17.01. Guidelines to be followed

- a> All travelers entering the City (whether by land, sea, or air) are expected to follow the guidelines issued by the City. These guidelines include recommendations for social distancing, use of masks, and use of Saint Mary's stores and facilities. These guidelines will change from time to time to reflect many of the changes made by CDC and YKHC. Questions should be directed to the City Manager at: (907) 438 2515.

- b> Travelers and residents who are vaccinated are not required to wear masks or exercise other safety measures that are required for people who are not vaccinated. However, these reduced safeguards are reserved for those who have documented their vaccination status with the City. For all of those who do not, or can not verify vaccination status with the City of Saint Mary's the more restrictive guidelines for unvaccinated people must be followed. Questions should be directed to the City Manager at: (907) 438 2515.
- c> Un-vaccinated travelers or residents who have not received vaccinations, or who cannot or will not document vaccination status are directed to follow City guidelines for un-vaccinated individuals. These will include wearing masks, observing social distancing, and not using or entering local businesses.
- d> Children less than 12 years of age will follow guidelines as they are issued from time to time by YKHC. At a minimum, children over the age of 2 and under the age of 16 must wear masks while in public places. Requirements for mask use may be dropped as children become vaccinated.
- e> The vaccination status must be confirmed by the City Office.

7.17.02      Revision of Guidelines

- a> The City Council of the City of Saint Mary's will revise guidelines as necessary. Current guidelines are available at the City office, and will also be posted at other public locations.
- b> Should the rates of reported positives for Saint Mary's, become as many as 4 cases per day or 6 cases per week, the Council may revise the requirements for masks, social distancing, quarantining, and intervillage travel.
- c> It is strongly recommended, in accordance with YKHC guidance **and recommendations**, that certain individuals within the City take even greater precaution. Those individuals include people particularly at risk of complications from COVID-19 such as people 60 years and older, and individuals of any age who are immune system compromised or with a serious underlying medical condition.

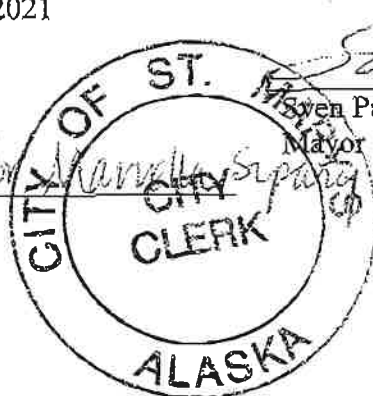
Introduction: May 21, 2021

Public Hearing Date: May 27, 2021

PASSED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAINT MARY'S  
THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY, 2021

Attest:

*Marvella Sipary*  
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City Clerk



*Maven Paukan*  
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Mayor