**COVID-19 HEALTH MANDATE**

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By: Governor Mike Dunleavy
Commissioner Adam Crum, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

To prevent or slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing its first health mandate.

The Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020 provides for health mandates to be issued when deemed necessary by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, the Alaska Chief Medical Officer, the Alaska Division of Public Health, and the Office of the Governor.

**Mandate 1.1**

In an effort to protect Alaskans and slow the spread of the virus, *visitation by the general public shall be suspended* for the following state institutions beginning March 14, 2020 at 12:01 am:

**Suspended Visitation**
- Department of Corrections (DOC) Facilities
- Division of Juvenile Justice Facilities
- Alaska Military Youth Academy
- Alaska Psychiatric Institute

**Limited Visitation**
- Alaska Pioneer Homes

The suspension of visitation shall remain in place until otherwise rescinded by the Department of Health and Social Services and the Office of the Governor. Health practitioners and prior authorized individuals shall contact the appropriate supervising authorities of each institution before entering these facilities.

**Mandate 1.2**

All scheduled public school days between Monday, March 16, 2020 and March 30, 2020 will be non-student contact days in which students will not be attending school. All after school activities will be suspended during this time. Residential board school programs schedules are being evaluated at this time.

These are measures to protect Alaskans within these facilities. We appreciate the public’s understanding of this mandate in an effort to mitigate this virus.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.alaska.gov](https://coronavirus.alaska.gov)  
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