

**CITY OF WHITE MOUNTAIN
ORDINANCE NO. 08-10-2021**

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WHITE MOUNTAIN TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY OF WHITE MOUNTAIN

WHEREAS, the City of White Mountain is a political subdivision in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) that has identified the COVID-19 virus a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans, causing respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency in the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Alaska recommended implementation of measures identified in the CDC’s Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, As 29.25.030 provides that a governing body may adopt an emergency ordinance at a meeting where it is first introduced and is effective on adoption, provided that the ordinance receives that affirmative vote of all members present or the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the total membership of the governing body, whichever is less;

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

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a non-Code emergency ordinance.

SECTION 2. Key Definitions.

Vaccinated Person: A person is deemed vaccinated 14-days after their second dose in a two-dose series, or 14-days after a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine.

Unvaccinated Person: A person is deemed unvaccinated IF they have not received a COVID-19 vaccine, have not received the second dose of a vaccine, or it has not been at least 14-days since receiving the second dose of a vaccine.

Quarantine: Quarantine means to stay home and away from other people as much as possible. This included avoiding public facilities, socializing, and large crowds. Persons under quarantine are permitted to going outdoors for fresh air or subsistence activities as long as continuing to social distance. Child(ren) are limited to playing out within the boundaries of the home's property with adult supervision with direct eyesight; avoid public areas and/or playgrounds. Households on quarantine must put a notice on the door of their quarantine schedule.

Isolation: Isolation is used to separate people infected with COVID-19 from those who are not infected. People who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others. At home, anyone sick or infected should separate from others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area. Any common area (e.g. bathroom) shared between isolated person(s) and other household members should be disinfected after each use of infected person. It is also recommended that the ill person should eat or be fed in their room away from other household members. Household items such as dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils towels, bedding, or other items should not be shared with the person infected with COVID-19. It is important to prohibit all visitors and non-essential people from being in the home.

SECTION 3. Declaration of Emergency. The Council declares that the coronavirus threat and impact are a public health emergency.

SECTION 4. Authorization of Emergency Authority.

1. In accordance with the City of White Mountain municipal code the Mayor hereby declares the coronavirus threat and impact a public health emergency.
2. The Mayor is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance with City of White Mountain municipal code, to prepare and position our resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus through the city of White Mountain.
3. In addition to any other powers confirmed on the Mayor by law, in order or prepare and position city resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus, the Mayor is authorized to:
 - a. Provide the following requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons living in or visiting White Mountain:

VACCINATED PERSONS are to abide by the following:

- If requested, show proof of COVID-19 vaccine card.
- If returning from communities Anchorage or beyond: no need to quarantine. On day of arrival must get a COVID-19 test (if arrival is during a weekend or after normal business hours, schedule a test for the next day the Clinic is planned to be open) and test again on the 7th day. While waiting for test results, it is recommended to social distance from others and wait for a negative test result before reporting to work or interacting with other people in the community.
- If returning from a community (Nome or other in-region village) with a known positive COVID-19 case: no need to quarantine. On day of arrival must get a COVID-19 test and again on the 7th day. While waiting for test results, it is recommended to social distance from others and wait for a negative test result before reporting to work or interacting with other people in the community.
- Identified as a “Close Contact” by the clinic or NSHC, person is required to quarantine for 14-days. If unable to quarantine in a separate room as persons in the same household, the

entire household is required to quarantine. On 14th day, get a COVID-19 test and negative result to get out of quarantine.

UNVACCINATED PERSONS are to abide by the following:

- Unvaccinated ADULT returning from Nome, Anchorage or beyond, or a village with a known positive COVID-19 case: required to quarantine for 7-days. On day of arrival get a COVID-19 test and again on 7th day. Must have a negative test result to get out of quarantine.
 - Unvaccinated CHILDREN:
 - Returning from Anchorage or beyond or outside of Norton Sound Region: required to quarantine for 7-days. On day of arrival get a COVID-19 test and again on the 7th day. Must have a negative test result to get out of quarantine.
 - Returning from Nome or in-region village: No need to quarantine. Get a COVID-19 test on first day of arrival and again on 7th day.
 - If an unvaccinated person is on quarantine due to travel, all other unvaccinated persons in the household are also required to quarantine.
 - Identified as a “Close Contact” by the clinic or NSHC, person is required to quarantine for 14-days. If unable to quarantine in a separate room as persons in the same household, the entire household is required to quarantine. On 14th day, get a COVID-19 test and negative result to get out of quarantine.
- b. Persons with a *positive* COVID-19 test are required to isolation per NSHC’s guidelines.
- c. When a positive COVID-19 test is identified in White Mountain, all persons are required to wear a **mask** in public places: City office, Tribal buildings, Store, School, Post Office, and Clinic. Wearing of masks is required only for a 14-day period after the last positive COVID case is identified. Once this period is over and no additional cases are identified, persons are not required to wear a mask in public places.

- d. It is recommended for residents to take their temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever.
- e. Residents are encouraged to limit visitation to other homes and loitering in public place.
- f. Residents that have symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, and fever of 100.4°F or higher must call the NSHC Nurse Triage line at 1-844-586-8773 or 1-907-443-6411 to make an appointment to be seen at the local clinic.
- g. All flights for passenger, freight, and mail are permitted.
- h. Suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinances prescribing procedures for the conduct of City business, or the order of regulations of any City department, if compliance with provisions of the statute, order, or regulation would prevent, substantially impede, or delay action necessary to cope with the ordinance.
- i. Use all resources of the City government as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency.
- j. Transfer personnel or alter the function of City departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating the performance of emergency management.
- k. Direct or compel the closing or regulation of public accommodations.
- l. Control ingress to and egress from an affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises in it.
- m. Impose curfew upon all or any portion of the City thereby requiring all persons in such designated and restricted curfew areas to remove themselves from public property, streets, roads, thoroughfares, parking areas, or other public places. Physicians, nurses, health aides, and paramedical personnel performing essential medical services; utility personnel maintaining essential public services; firemen; and city, state and federal authorized law enforcement officers and personnel may be exempted from such curfew.


- n. Allocate, ration, or redistribute food, water, fuel, clothing, and other items as deemed necessary to cope with the disaster emergency.
 - o. Limit non-essential services and businesses to close as necessary.
 - p. Recommend all employees working with the public or essential employees to get a monthly COVID-19 test.
4. 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.
5. Should the Mayor become unable to fulfill these duties, the order of succession shall be followed: Vice Mayor, Treasurer, Secretary, etc. and then the City Clerk.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption on August 10, 2021, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the City of White Mountain City Council. Emergency ordinances are effective for 60-days.

CERTIFICATION

This foregoing resolution is adopted on August 10, 2021, by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of White Mountain with vote of 7 in favor, 0 absent, 0 abstaining, and 0 against.

Signed: 
Davis Lincoln, Mayor

Attest: 
Nicholas Gray, Utility Clerk