



CITY OF SAINT PAUL ALASKA

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 21-100

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY “HUNKER DOWN” ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT SAINT PAUL ISLAND

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm our healthcare system, endangering the lives and wellbeing of the people on Saint Paul Island;

WHEREAS, the City has reported its first positive case of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is highly contagious and the most effective way to prevent its spread throughout Saint Paul Island is through restricting residents from leaving their homes as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Unified Command seeks to preserve the health and safety of our community while ensuring that vital goods and services continue to be available.

WHEREAS, the impacts of COVID-19 variants on vaccinated and unvaccinated persons, including breakthrough infections on those who are vaccinated, must be fully assessed before the below mentioned protective measures may be relaxed and therefore a precautionary measured approach to these measures is still required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL:

The City Council orders the following emergency response to preserve life on Saint Paul Island. The following emergency regulations go into effect on August 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm for 14 days ending on August 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

1. Stay at Home Guidelines

- a. Everyone on Saint Paul Island shall stay at home as much as possible, except to:
 - i. work in certain essential businesses as defined below;
 - ii. to buy, sell, or deliver groceries or other important goods;
 - iii. to receive or provide health care; and
 - iv. to get fresh air without contacting others.
- b. Home may include a residence, temporary residence, or a shelter.
- c. On the limited occasion that individuals are permitted to leave home, they should maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household whenever possible.

- d. Individuals are strongly encouraged to practice recommended hygiene, including regular hand washing.
- e. Individuals are required to wear a cloth face-covering or mask whenever in indoor public facilities.

2. “High Risk” Individuals

- a. It is strongly recommended, in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, that individuals deemed “high risk” should take even greater precautions and avoid leaving home as much as possible.
- b. “High risk” individuals include those 60 years and older and individuals of any age with a serious underlying medical condition.
- c. Anyone deemed “high risk” should reduce exposure by staying at home, not physically going to work, and not doing their own shopping, if possible.
- d. Household members of those who are “high risk” should implement these more stringent guidelines as well, to the extent possible.

3. Positive Test Result or COVID-19 Symptoms

- a. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 shall isolate in their home away from other individuals until 10 days after the date of the positive test, and may only leave to seek medical care.
- b. Individuals who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea, shall isolate in their home until 1) at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared; 2) at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication; and 3) improvement in other COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals with severe COVID-19 illness or who are immunocompromised should consult with a healthcare provider to determine how long they should isolate in their home.
- c. Businesses shall not knowingly permit symptomatic employees or others likely to be contagious with COVID-19 to work outside the home.

4. Essential Businesses

- a. Businesses deemed “essential” serve critical roles that are necessary to combat this public health emergency or that provide critical community functions are to remain open.
- b. All other businesses must close their premises; however, businesses and entities may continue to utilize telecommuting or work from home procedures. Assuming proper physical distancing measures can be accomplished, up to two people may be inside a non-essential business that is closed to the public for the purposes of essential upkeep, site maintenance, performing payroll, or facilitating remote business operations or online order fulfillment through email or physical mail.

- c. “Essential businesses” are identified in Section 3 of City Emergency Ordinance 21-99.

5. All travel to Saint Paul Island is prohibited except for:

- a. Essential travel for Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure workforce as identified in Section 3 of City Emergency Ordinance 21-99.
- b. Residents who are traveling for critical personal needs as defined in Section 13 of City Emergency Ordinance 21-99.

6. Self-Quarantine and Self-Isolation

- a. All individuals regardless of vaccination status permitted to travel, but who do not qualify for Essential Services or Critical Infrastructure workforce, are required to self-quarantine for 10 days upon arrival, meaning they shall not interact with City residents or go to any public space for 10 days. Unvaccinated individuals shall obtain a post-arrival test in accordance with Section 5 of City Emergency Ordinance 21-99.
- b. All individual regardless of vaccination status residing with other individuals in the same household shall self-quarantine for 10 days upon arrival of the traveling individual and shall be subject to the same post-travel testing in Section 5(a) and (b) of City Emergency Ordinance 21-99.
- c. All individual regardless of vaccination status permitted to travel for Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure workforce are to self-quarantine for 10 days upon arrival, meaning they shall not interact with City residents or go to any public space for 10 days but are permitted to leave their temporary residence only to go to and from their workstation/worksites. Unvaccinated individuals shall obtain a post-arrival test in accordance with City Emergency Ordinance 21-99.

7. Face Mask Requirement

- a. Businesses, public and private organizations and government institutions shall require that all customers and visitors to their facilities wear face masks covering their nose and mouth to provide additional protection for employees and customers. The face coverings need not be medical-grade masks or N95 respirators but can be cloth face coverings.

8. Community/Workforce Protective Plans

- a. All individuals or entities employing individuals that qualify under Section 5 for travel to Saint Paul Island are required to submit to the City, at least five (5) business days prior to travel, a Community/Workforce Protection Plan (CWPP) and Saint Paul Island Community/Workforce Protection Plan Form.

9. Ending the Hunker Down Earlier

- a. Based on a proactive testing strategy using PCR molecular based tests, the Unified Commander in consultation with the Saint Paul Island Unified Command may end the hunker down period earlier given:
 - i. Patient zero’s PRC test negative for COVID-19, and

- ii. PRC tests of close contacts with patient zero are negative for COVID-19,
- iii. No community spread is detected through a proactive testing strategy.

FURTHER, this Emergency Ordinance may be reauthorized or extended by the City Council as necessary, each extension being for a finite period of time.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 10th DAY OF AUGUST 10, 2021 BY 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED AND 0 ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

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Monique Baker, City Clerk

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Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor