



Municipality of Anchorage

Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PROCLAMATION OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ORDER EO-14-V2 RETURN TO MODIFIED VERSION OF PHASE TWO: GATHERING LIMITS, CAPACITY LIMITATIONS AT BARS, RESTAURANTS, GYMS, AND MORE

ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PURSUANT TO ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.80.060H.

The “Four-Week Reset” provided in Emergency Order 15 is coming to its announced expiration point. While it has been in effect, the number of new cases within Anchorage has decreased from a 14-day average of approximately 21 new cases per 100,000 residents per day to approximately 12.5 new cases per 100,000 residents per day. Despite this reduction, Anchorage remains in the “RED” zone with more than 10 new cases per 100,000 residents per day, signifying widespread community transmission. And our community is experiencing outbreaks among vulnerable populations that are particularly concerning. To further reduce the level of COVID-19 transmission in our community and to prevent its resurgence, continued restrictions are necessary, even as we try to maintain a mostly-open economy. The COVID-19 pandemic presents a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm our health system, endangering the lives and wellbeing of the people of Anchorage.

The following findings about COVID-19 motivate these mandates and recommendations. First, COVID-19 is a respiratory virus. It moves from person to person through tiny respiratory droplets and aerosols that are released when a person with COVID-19 coughs, sneezes, talks, or sings. People become infected by inhaling these droplets or aerosols. Second, this virus spreads easily to people who are in close contact to a person with COVID-19, especially indoors, and especially when the contact lasts more than fifteen minutes. Third, even people with no symptoms can be highly infectious to the people around them. Fourth, keeping a safe distance—at least 6 feet—away from other people outside your household is the best way to reduce transmission and prevent infection. Fifth, face coverings help protect the wearer and other people from COVID-19. Because of the above, Anchorage now needs the following restrictions on public interactions to preserve health and save lives in our community.

I HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 12:00 A.M. ON AUGUST 31, 2020. THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS HAVE THE POWER OF LAW, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL REVOKED, AND SHALL SUPERSEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS EMERGENCY. THIS ORDER REPLACES EMERGENCY ORDER 15, WHICH HAS EXPIRED, AND SUPERSEDES, IN PART, EMERGENCY ORDER 10.



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1. **Individuals.** Everyone in the Municipality of Anchorage (the “Municipality”) shall limit outings and physical contact with those outside of their household and a small chosen group of other individuals. On the occasions when individuals leave home, they shall maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household/small group whenever possible. Individuals are required to wear a cloth face covering or mask in public, as detailed in Emergency Order 13. Individuals are also strongly encouraged to practice recommended hygiene, including regular hand washing.
2. **At-Risk Individuals.** It is strongly recommended, in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), that certain individuals within the Municipality continue to take even greater precaution. Those particularly at-risk of complications from COVID-19 should reduce exposure by staying at home, not physically going to work, minimizing in-person interactions with others outside their household, and not doing their own shopping if possible. People particularly at risk of complications include those 65 years and older and individuals of any age with a serious underlying medical condition. Household members of those who are at elevated risk should implement these more stringent guidelines as well, to the extent possible.
3. **Requirements for Individuals Likely to be Contagious with COVID-19.** Individuals likely to be contagious with COVID-19 are required to minimize contact with others as follows:
 - a. People who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (including the following symptoms when not attributable to other known causes: coughing, shortness of breath, fever, fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, headache, congestion or runny nose, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell) shall stay home except to seek medical care and testing.
 - b. Individuals who have traveled from outside Alaska are required to self-quarantine for fourteen days upon arrival/return to the State. Exceptions to the self-quarantine requirement exist only for those who obtain two negative COVID-19 testing results, as detailed in Emergency Order 11.
 - c. Household members of those who are possibly contagious should exercise physical distancing and enhanced hygiene within the home, and refrain from leaving the home to the extent possible.
 - d. Individuals who have been contacted by health authorities as a known contact of a positive case shall quarantine for the length of time directed by a public health professional.
 - e. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 shall remain in isolation until cleared by a public health professional.



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4. **Gathering Limitations.** Masks are required to be worn at all gatherings, and six feet of physical distancing between household groups is required at all gatherings. Gatherings are defined as meetings or other events that bring together people from multiple households at the same time for a shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place such as auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space. All indoor events and gatherings are limited to 30 people in a single enclosed indoor space. All outdoor gatherings involving consumption of food or drink must be limited to 50 people or fewer. Outdoor gatherings that do not involve food or drink are limited to 100 people. The following exceptions apply to the gathering limits:
 - a. The gathering limitation does not limit shopping at farmer's markets or outdoor food-truck events where six-feet of physical distancing between customers is maintained, provided that on-site dining is discouraged, and no tables and chairs are provided for dining.
 - b. The gathering limitation does not limit drive-in events where groups remain within separate vehicles spaced at least six feet apart (or ten feet apart if singing by audience members is anticipated) so long as no food, drink, or other goods are passed between vehicles.
 - c. The gathering limitation does not apply to day cares, day camps, or educational institutions for grade K-12. These entities must continue to follow the capacity limitations and other criteria in Emergency Order 10, Attachments E and F.
 - d. The gathering limitation does not apply to gathering for the purpose of worship or political expression where masks are worn and where food and drink are not being consumed. Places of worship and political expression are instead subject to a 50% indoor capacity limitation, and physical distancing should be maintained between groups. All places of worship and political expression that are open to the public for gatherings must create written COVID-19 mitigation plans, maintain hard copies on site, make the plans available to congregants, and train staff on implementation of the plans.

5. **Hospitality Industry (Including Bars, Breweries, Restaurants, and Nightclubs) Limitations.** All restaurants, bars, breweries, and nightclubs and similar entities may provide sit-down service while operating at no greater than 50% of maximum building occupancy subject to the criteria required in Attachment A. Outdoor service should be prioritized. This industry is also encouraged to offer otherwise lawful takeout, curbside, and delivery service.



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6. **Indoor Gyms, Bingo Halls, Theaters, and Other Recreation and Entertainment Facilities.** All other indoor entertainment and recreation facilities, including gyms, bingo halls, and theaters, shall be limited to 50% of building occupancy based on fire and building codes. Businesses must calculate allowed capacity, post it publicly, and enforce the capacity limits.
7. **Legible Visitor Logs Required.** Restaurants, bars, breweries, nightclubs, gyms, bingo halls, and any establishments serving the public in a sit-down setting, or for an in-person appointment or service lasting fifteen minutes or longer shall require all adult customers or clients to sign in with legible contact information including first and last name, phone number, and email address in case it is needed for state or local contact tracing efforts. This information may be kept electronically. This information must be retained by businesses for not less than 30 days. Information in the visitor log will not be collected unless needed for contact tracing or enforcement of this order.
8. **Communication to Employees of Known COVID-19 Exposure Required.** All businesses and other entities must promptly communicate to their employees and state and local public health departments (email: COVID-19-Business@anchorageak.gov) if a known or probable COVID-19 exposure occurred in the workplace. Businesses and other entities must assist the state and local health departments in the process of informing customers or clients of a known COVID-19 exposure at the workplace.
9. **Additional Requirements for Hotels and Other Lodging.** Management at hotels and other places of lodging must regularly inform employees working within the lodging and state and local public health departments (COVID-19-Business@anchorageak.gov) whether and to what extent the hotel is housing individuals who are in quarantine or isolation due to travel, possible exposure to COVID-19, or a diagnosis of COVID-19. Hotel management must inform employees that the names of individuals with COVID-19 shall be kept confidential, and that a violation of confidentiality may result in disciplinary action by management. Hotels must supply personal protective equipment, sufficient sanitation opportunities, and adequate cleaning supplies to employees.
10. **Remote Work.** Employers are strongly encouraged to have employees work from home when their work can be accomplished remotely without significantly impeding business operations. Employers shall not knowingly permit symptomatic employees or others likely to be contagious with COVID-19 to enter the workplace or work outside the home.



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- 11. Retail and Other Public-Facing Businesses.** Retail stores and all other public-facing businesses are encouraged to prioritize telephone and online ordering; increase their offerings of curbside, entryway, and delivery services; and implement reserved hours of operation limited to high-risk populations.

All portions of Emergency Order 10 (“Maintenance”) and its attachments that have not been contradicted or superseded by this order remain in effect, including requirements for sanitation, physical distancing, and business mitigation plans.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ethan Berkowitz', written over a horizontal line.

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