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MEDIA RELEASE | OPENING OF BOROUGH FACILITIES

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For Immediate Release:

Governor Dunleavy announced that Phases 3 and 4 of his Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan will be effective Friday, May 22nd. These phases allow the opening of all businesses, recreation, sports, and other operations. Along with the announcement is the emphasis for proper social distancing, personal hygiene, and personal responsibility to follow listed guidelines and safety advisories.

With the State guidance in mind, the following are updates to the opening of Borough Facilities:

White Cliff Building: The White Cliff Building will be open to the public on Friday, May 22nd. Health guidance will be followed to reduce the potential for spread of the COVID-19 virus. The White Cliff building COVID-19 mitigation plan has been provided to all departments and is posted on the Borough website. Visitors are recommended to wear masks.

Sport Fields: Fields will be open May 22nd for use in accordance with health guidance.

Gateway Recreation Center and Aquatic Center: Both facilities will be open to full capacity on May 26th. The youth summer recreation program is being adjusted to be consistent with the State guidance documents. The youth summer program and swim lessons are scheduled to begin June 8th.

Transit System: The department is working to install "sneeze guards". The Transit Mitigation Plan has been posted on the Borough website.

Animal Shelter: Operations are being adjusted to allow more access to the public while following the health guidance. The Animal Protection Mitigation Plan has been posted on the Borough website.

Airport: Alaska Health Mandate 10 remains in effect until June 2, including the 14-day quarantine requirement.

Borough facility mitigation plans include the following guidance for employees and the public:

- Stay six feet or more away from non-family members.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Wipe down surfaces frequently.
- Wear a face covering when in a public setting in close contact with others.
- Stay home if you are sick and get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms.
- Be mindful and respectful to those Alaskans that are most vulnerable to this virus. Those being our seniors and those with existing health issues.

Borough facility mitigation plans are posted at www.kgbak.us/913/COVID-19-Response

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