



NOTICE OF END OF CITY OF KOTZEBUE'S COVID-19

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS 1-9 *(effective at Midnight on Thursday, March 31, 2022)*

For the past two years, the residents of Kotzebue and the NANA Region have worked with the City of Kotzebue, the Northwest Arctic Borough and the Maniilaq Association to fight the scourge of COVID-19 in our City and Region. Those efforts have helped to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in Northwest Alaska.

It is now time to return the fight of this disease to individuals in Kotzebue and the NANA Region. To that end, the City of Kotzebue's Emergency Regulations Nos. 1-9 shall expire at Midnight on Thursday, March 31, 2022 and will not be renewed. (However, if circumstances warrant, the City's COVID-19 Policy Group will reconvene and determine how best to proceed.)

Individuals are encouraged to follow the CDC's guidelines for social distancing, masking, hand washing and testing found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Residents and visitors should keep in mind that employers and businesses in Kotzebue may have their own COVID-19 mandates that must still be followed. Likewise, Villages in our Region may still have in place their own COVID-19 mandates which must be observed.

Finally, vaccination is still the best defense against COVID-19 and everyone should be fully vaccinated and boosted in accordance with current CDC guidelines.