



Lake and Peninsula Borough

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To: Residents of Lake and Peninsula Borough

From: Mayor Glen R. Alsworth, Sr.

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RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

If there were just one word, I could use to describe 2020 it would be uncertainty.

Uncertainty regarding:

- Just what this unseen threat in the form of a virus was.
- How to accommodate all the summer fishing activities.
- How to deal with the possibility of an epidemic in our village.
- The effectiveness of wearing a mask and protective gear.
- What happens if I get this flu?
- Hospital capacity.
- When will this end?

And the list goes on and on.

All of you have learned to adapt as necessary to do your part in preventing the explosive spread of this virus throughout the Lake and Pen region. Thankfully, we survived the summer quite well for the most of us, and even though we are now in the cold and flu season, there have been no manageable outbreaks. Keep doing what you have been doing because hope is on the horizon. The first vaccinations happened in Anchorage this week and will be traveling to a clinic near you in the coming weeks. The priority for vaccinations is for the health care workers first, then the most vulnerable like the elderly or those with other conditions which put them at higher risk, then to all residents.

Stay in touch with your local health care provider for the latest information on vaccination schedules and keep disinfecting, sanitizing, washing your hands, social distancing, and doing what you've been doing to prevent infecting yourself and others.

Wishing you a very safe and joyous rest of 2020 and a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year for 2021.

P.S.: Patty and I both contracted COVID in early November and recovered. It was very mild for me with loss of taste and smell and I recovered to better than I've felt all summer. Patty had all the nasty flu symptoms and a much rougher time and still gets fatigued easily, but improves every day.