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Press Release 038: City of Craig COVID19 Closure and Reopening Policy

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On November 16, 2020 the City of Craig closed most city facilities to the public based on the updated disaster declaration and a request from the Governor. Due to the high number of cases statewide, and increasing local cases the city extended that closure for an additional 30 days, until January 4.

In order to better protect city employees and the public from COVID-19 the City of Craig will enact city facility closures and openings based on current case information and risk.

Closures. The city recognizes that while more cases usually generate a higher risk, it is not always the case. The city will use the State of Alaska COVID-19 Alert Level for Southern Southeast Alaska as a general basis but may enact closures if there is a higher level of local risk or may open facilities if the local risk is generally low.

The City of Craig will consider closures of city facilities if any of the following conditions are met:

- **The Alaska COVID-19 Alert Level for Southern Southeast Alaska is listed as HIGH (greater than 10 cases per 100,000 population).**
- **There are high-risk cases in Craig (i.e., community spread, large number of close contacts, etc.).**
- **There is an apparent outbreak of cases on Prince of Wales (i.e., multiple communities, growing case numbers, cases listed as community spread, etc.).**
- **The Governor or DHSS recommends general closures.**
- **Other relevant risk factors.**

The city may choose to close or limit access to all facilities, to close or limit access to some facilities, or to limit certain types of access or activity that is considered higher risk.

Opening. The city will reopen facilities and provide as much access to the public and regular activities as soon as possible after closures. The city will consider the Alaska COVID-19 Alert Level for Southern Southeast Alaska and other local risk factors. Staff will evaluate not only the regional data, but local risk factors will determine when and what facilities to reopen.

The City of Craig will consider reopening city facilities based on the following information:

- **The Alaska COVID-19 Alert Level for Southern Southeast Alaska moves from HIGH to INTERMEDIATE or LOW.**
- **There are no high-risk cases in Craig.**
- **There are limited/no cases on Prince of Wales that point to a potential outbreak.**
- **Enough time has passed for close contacts of high-risk cases to complete their quarantine (this is generally 7 – 14 days after active cases are classified as recovered).**
- **Other relevant risk factors.**

The city will consider opening some or all facilities and may limit certain high-risk activities even when facilities are reopened.

The City Administrator is responsible for making closure and reopening decisions on an ongoing basis with input from the city's COVID-19 Response Incident Commander, Public Health, and other staff members. All decisions are subject to review by the Craig City Council.

Starting at noon on January 6, 2021 City facilities will generally be open to in-person services.

- Craig City Hall will be open to the public during normal business hours Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please call 826-3275 for assistance or before coming into the building.
- Craig Harbormaster's Office will be generally closed to the public until January 18th. Please call 826-3404 for assistance.
- Craig Public Works and Parks and Facilities offices will be open to the public. Call 826-3405 or 826-3408 for assistance.
- Craig Aquatic Center and Fitness Room will continue to be closed to the public due to construction and will reopen on or about January 25th. More information regarding the open hours and schedule will be provided closer to the opening date.
- Craig Gym and Recreation Center will be open to the public for regular scheduled organized activities. These facilities will not be open for open gym sports activities or for rentals at this time. Call 826-2575 for assistance.
- Craig Library will be open to limited in-person services by appointment only. The library will still provide curbside pickup and online services. Call 826-3281 for assistance or to make an appointment.
- DMV will be available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You may still drop off DMV items at the dispatch counter. Call 826-3330 for more information or assistance.
- Craig EMS office will be open to the public. Call 826-4857 for assistance OR dial 911 if it is an emergency.

Social distancing and face covering protocols apply while in city facilities.

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Contact information for City of Craig departments and services.

Craig Aquatic Center	826-2794	pool@craigak.com
Craig City Hall	826-3275	info@craigak.com
Craig EMS	826-4857	ems@craigak.com
Craig Harbormaster	826-3404	harbors@craigak.com
Craig Police	826-3330	re44@craigpd.com
Craig Public Facilities	826-3408	facilities@craigak.com
Craig Public Library	826-3281	library@craigak.com
Craig Public Works	826-3405	publicworks@craigak.com
Craig Recreation Department	826-2575	craigrec@aptalaska.net