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From: City of Craig Emergency Operations Center (EOC),
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Press Release: 001, Facility Closure

For Immediate Release

Beginning 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 23, all City of Craig facilities will close to the public. The closure will remain in effect at least through Sunday, April 5. The closure may be extended or reduced by subsequent public announcement.

The city's administrative offices and many city staff will continue to work normal business hours, and staff will be available to assist citizens via online and telephone services. The closure of facilities is meant to minimize interaction of the public in order to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus. While as of today's date no confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Craig, the city implements the facility closures as a means to reduce transmission of the virus. DMV, TWIC, TSA, passport photo, and non-court ordered fingerprinting services will not be offered during the closure.

Exceptions to the closure:

- Walk-in emergencies, and pretrial and probation check-ins at the Craig Police Department. All other police business to be transacted electronically. The Craig Dispatch Center will continue its normal 24 hour-per-day schedule.
- Public restrooms at the Craig Harbormaster Office;
- In-person meetings approved in advance by city staff.

The city encourages use of online and telephonic payment methods, as well as conducting business and communications via email and telephone. The city will waive all credit card transaction fees until further notice. Payments made by cash or check may be deposited in the drop off box adjacent to the front door of Craig City Hall.

To assist our island's elderly residents, the City of Craig authorizes seniors, until further notice, to give their card to any person to assist them with shopping so that elders may more effectively self-quarantine.

During the closure, the City of Craig will broadcast city council meetings via the internet. Look for links on our web site and Facebook page to connect into the broadcast. Meeting packet materials will continue to be posted online prior to each

meeting. Council meetings are open to the public for in person attendance, with seating in the council chambers limited to comply with social distancing recommendations. Members of the public wishing to comment may submit public comments by email prior to the scheduled council meetings. Comments should be emailed to cityclerk@craigak.com. Comments received prior to the meeting will be read into the record by the clerk.

As part of its deliberate and careful review of ongoing COVID-19 developments, the City of Craig will continue to closely monitor Health Mandates and Health Alerts issued by the State of Alaska, and recommends all Alaskans do the same. Copies of these alerts can be found at the city's web site by clicking on the orange banner at the top of the city's homepage. Health Mandates and Alerts can also be found at the State of Alaska website <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>.

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

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