

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PROCLAMATION OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ORDER EO-02 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PURSUANT TO ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.80.060H.

I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020 TO PRESERVE LIFE IN AND ADJACENT TO THE MUNICIPALITY. THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS HAVE THE POWER OF LAW, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 10:00 PM ON APRIL 14, 2020, AND SHALL SUPERSEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS EMERGENCY.

1. All dentists, veterinarians, optometrists, and ophthalmologists in the Municipality of Anchorage (the "Municipality") must cancel or postpone all non-urgent or non-emergency procedures. These licensed professionals should use their professional judgment in determining a patient's need for urgent or emergency care. Dentists are encouraged to consult the guidelines of the American Dental Association at ada.org/virus. The municipality will provide links to other professional guidance defining urgent or emergency care as it becomes available.
2. All dentists, veterinarians, optometrists, and ophthalmologists in the Municipality may use personal protective equipment (PPE) only for urgent or emergency procedures, and must otherwise safeguard and not use personal protective equipment remaining in their stock. These professionals should likewise safeguard any synthetic swabs or ESwabs in their stock.
 - The requirement to safeguard and not use personal protective equipment does not apply to items that are not transferable to another medical professional such as prescription eye protection, etc.
3. Other businesses in the Municipality, including construction companies, funeral homes, hair and nail salons, janitorial companies, oil field services, power/energy companies, tattoo parlors, and universities must safeguard all personal protective equipment (PPE) in their existing stock, and use PPE only when absolutely necessary to protect an individual's eyes, face, or hands in the performance of an essential function.
 - The requirement to safeguard and not use personal protective equipment does not apply to PPE that has no transferable use in the health care context such as hard hats, hearing protection, specialty boots, or welding shields.

4. Upon order from the Mayor, businesses and professionals with personal protective equipment supplies or needed medical equipment including synthetic swabs shall make them available to health care practitioners responding to COVID-19.
5. For purposes of this order, personal protective equipment is clothing and equipment worn to minimize exposure to biohazards (i.e., viruses or bacteria that cause human disease), including latex or nitrile exam gloves, N95 masks, surgical masks, medical gowns, and face shields that protect eyes.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2020.



Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor
Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska