

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-30

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA ENCOURAGING PEOPLE  
IN THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA TO CONTINUE COVID-19 PREVENTION EFFORTS  
FOR KEEPING SITKA SCHOOLS OPEN**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm our health care system and endangers the lives and the wellbeing of the citizens and economy of Sitka; and,

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Sitka are hereby recognized and congratulated for their continued and valiant efforts by taking personal prevention actions which have kept the COVID-19 cases low in Sitka; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to the citizens personal prevention actions and the Municipalities mitigation efforts the Sitka School District, utilizing SMART START precautions, the Sitka Schools were able to open for the 2020-21 school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, for Sitka Schools to remain open for the children of Sitka, all citizens of Sitka are strongly encouraged to continue all personal prevention actions to continue to contain and keep COVID-19 cases low; and,

**WHEREAS**, with COVID-19 cases rising and infection rates alarmingly high throughout the State of Alaska, our open school status is in jeopardy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, hereby strongly encourages the following:

1. All persons traveling to and from Sitka utilize the COVID-19 testing available at the Sitka Airport, whether traveling out of the State of Alaska or within the State of Alaska.
2. All persons returning to Sitka after traveling (both in state and out of state) quarantine upon return to Sitka until the results of their first test is received.
3. All persons returning to Sitka after traveling (both in state and out of state) take a second test (7 days after the first test) and continue strict social distancing until the results of their second test is received.
4. All persons wear masks or cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth when they are indoors in public settings or communal spaces outside the home.
5. All persons avoid large gatherings, reduce interactions with non-household members, keep six feet distance from anyone not in your household, and wash hands frequently.
6. All persons that have COVID-19 symptoms isolate, contact a health care provider, and get tested as soon as possible.
7. Businesses accommodate reduced interactions through curbside or delivery services.

8. Since this is a resolution, without the effect of law, it is unenforceable. The citizens are respectfully requested to comply with this resolution. Additionally, failure to comply with this resolution does not create grounds for a person to harass another person who does not comply with this resolution.

**EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption. A public services announcement shall be widely distributed providing public notice of the encouragements in this resolution. This resolution shall remain in effect until COVID-19 is no longer declared a state or federal emergency, or until earlier terminated or extended by the Assembly.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 10th day of November, 2020.

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Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> and final reading 11/10/2020

Sponsors: Christianson and Mosher