To prevent the spread of the disease caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing this Order based on its authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020.

This Order remains in effect until amended, rescinded, or superseded by further Order of the Governor. Certain emergency travel is imperative during the COVID-19 pandemic for both public health and safety as well as community well-being.

I. ORDER APPLICABILITY
   a. This Order is applicable to Alaskan communities that are removed from the road system, have a population smaller than 3,000, and do not house a hub hospital managed by the tribal healthcare system (“Small Community”).

II. SMALL COMMUNITY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS
   a. A Small Community (as defined in Subsection I.a. above) may adopt travel restrictions that are more restrictive than otherwise permitted in Health Mandate 012. Small Communities may not prohibit, or restrict in any manner, the following emergency travel:
      i. Emergency First Responders (includes fire, ambulatory services, and other similar emergency first responders).
      ii. Law Enforcement acting within their official duties (this includes federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel); and
      iii. Office of Children’s Services personnel responding to reports of child abuse and neglect and insuring child safety.

III. DUTIES OF AIR CARRIERS AND OTHER TRAVEL RELATED BUSINESSES
   a. Air carriers and other travel related businesses conducting travel to Small Communities shall inquire if travelers are permitted to travel under this Order and shall rely upon a traveler’s assurance that they are eligible to travel. Air carriers and other travel related businesses shall have no other duty or obligation to verify that travelers meet the criteria for permissible travel under this Order.