

RESOLUTION 21-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING ALL PEOPLE IN THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented the world with unprecedented health challenges that has resulted in over 500,000 deaths in the United States, long-term debilitating physical and mental effects on many survivors and has affected every aspect of our lives; and

WHEREAS, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, the communities of Aleutians East Borough have suffered economic damage due to state-mandated intermittent closures and restrictions of business operations; and

WHEREAS, efforts to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 virus have also led to intermittent closures of public schools, local government offices, other places of business, and youth recreational programs; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic restrictions have substantially hampered the public's ability to travel for medical and business purposes, which has left many residents neglecting their health and many businesses not able to carry out business operations fully; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic restrictions have prevented the public from visiting family and friends, attend community gatherings and events, the results of which has left many residents suffering the effects of extended periods of isolation and lack of social contact; and

WHEREAS, the federal Food and Drug Administration has issued Emergency Use Authorizations for COVID-19 vaccinations, which are available in our communities; and

WHEREAS, vaccination is an integral part of controlling and eradicating the virus, which is, in turn, an indispensable step before the Borough communities will be able to fully resume vital economic and social activities; and


WHEREAS, stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available – wearing a mask while in public settings, allow at least six feet of distancing between people not in the same household, washing your hands frequently, and getting vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, people fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need to wear masks or practice physical distancing in all indoor and outdoor settings; except buses, trains, planes and in hospitals; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Aleutians East Borough, in regards to physical, economic and social health, to minimize the impact of COVID-19 transmission.

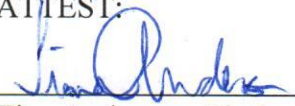
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough strongly supports and recommends all people in the Aleutians East Borough get vaccinated to protect the public health and to get our communities reopened.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Aleutians East Borough on the 27th of May, 2021.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback

ATTEST:



Tina Anderson, Clerk