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**Health Mandate Protective Plans To Help Keep Communities Safe and Infrastructure Functioning**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — The Unified Command received thousands of messages and questions regarding requirements identified in Health Mandates 10 and 12. These Mandates directed that all businesses with Critical Infrastructure employees who need to travel into Alaska and work during their 14-day self-quarantine period, or employees who need to travel between Alaskan communities to maintain critical infrastructure, must submit a Community/Workforce Protective Plan to [akcovidplan@ak-prepared.com](mailto:akcovidplan@ak-prepared.com).

The Unified Command has received over 1,500 Community/Workforce Protective Plans from private sector businesses. The Unified Command's Critical Infrastructure Sustainment Branch is sorting these plans into categories: major corporations, all other land-based companies, large-scale fisheries, and independent fishing vessels. The Critical Infrastructure Sustainment Branch is working with industry partners to develop guidance on protective plans for independent commercial fishing vessels.

"The businesses we have been working with understand that they must take steps to protect their workers and communities from COVID-19," said Bryan Fisher, Incident Commander with the Unified Command. "Through careful planning, adherence to social distancing standards, and establishment of appropriate protective measures, our critical infrastructure businesses can continue to operate as safely as possible."

The Community/Workforce Protective Plans should contain details on how personnel will be screened and self-quarantined and measures that will be put in place to protect the employees and the public. Plans should also include procedures to identify, isolate, and transport personnel who become ill, and how the employer will notify Local and State authorities if they have an illness in the workplace.

The Unified Command has [posted instructions and a checklist](#) for developing and submitting Community/Workforce Protective Plans on our website. This information will be updated as additional guidance is developed.

On April 9, [Health Mandate 12, Attachment B](#) was updated to allow certain small communities to require businesses to provide the local government with the Community/Workforce Protection Plan required under Health Mandate 10 and 12. The updated Attachment B also identifies additional local governance options and limitations associated with Health Mandate 10 and 12.

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