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Mayor and Assembly,

In an effort of transparency in regard to the American Cruise Lines plan to potentially visit Petersburg on June 21 and 29, I wanted to share concerns that the EOC and our Health Officer have after seeing the Pilot article this week and in consideration of the guidance from the State which seems to indicate that the 14 day quarantine and Mandate 10 may be in place for a while now.

The approach to cruise boats will be to interview the Captain when they call the Health Officer -as required by our mandate. One of the questions will be if anyone on board, crew or passenger, has been out of state in the last 14 days. If there is anyone on board that has been out of state, they will be considered to be in quarantine on the boat – which will extend to everyone else on board. As the State's definition of quarantine is that someone is isolated in their quarters and only leaves for medical purposes, they would not be allowed to leave the vessel and enter Petersburg – which would extend to everyone on board.

If a vessel comes into port and the Captain certifies that all persons aboard have completed their 14 day interstate travel quarantine, the interview questions will be centered around signs, symptoms and testing results of those on board. The overriding goal of Mandate 5 is to protect our community and livelihoods from incoming persons that might infect our population and the EOC and Health Officer are focused on that goal. If there is a question about the safety of the persons on board, the Health Officer will err on the side of caution and not give permission for passengers or crew to disembark.

We thank the Assembly for the unanimous vote to extend the mandate at the last meeting and believe it is an important provision to retain control over visitors coming into Petersburg and maintain local insulation from potential virus outbreaks.

If you have any comments or questions, please send them along but do not reply to all. This email is meant to inform the Assembly and clarify the Health Officer's approach if American Cruise Lines decides to take a chance on visiting Petersburg. I believe there is a separate effort being facilitated by Alaska Municipal League that may result in the standing down by the cruise companies for the entire season so hopefully this email will be valuable to the Assembly as they consider their participation and cooperation with AML on that issue.

Thank you,

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