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DOT&PF Team,

As you have likely heard, there has been a noticeable increase in COVID cases recently in many parts of Alaska. This tricky virus is highly contagious and we're seeing more evidence of that as Alaskans move indoors due to colder temperatures. As COVID cases increase, so must our vigilance so that we can continue to stay on mission.

Governor Dunleavy sent an alert this morning underscoring the gravity of the current situation:  
<https://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/2020/11/12/governor-dunleavy-urges-alaskans-to-take-immediate-action-to-slow-covid-19/>

**In support of Governor Dunleavy's emergency message, effective immediately, I'm encouraging any of you who are not currently teleworking to do so (please work with your immediate supervisor on the details).** You've heard it before but let me stress that it is vital to our mission that we all wear masks where appropriate, practice good hygiene by washing our hands often, and keep reasonable social distancing. They all can make a difference when it comes to staying on the job and getting our mission done.

Imagine how difficult it would be if a snowplow operator or an AMHS captain was quarantined during any portion of this peak winter period - how would Alaskans get to where they need to go without those types of employees, for example, being able to report for duty? Those on the front lines who are unable to telework, keep up the crucial work you do for Alaska. Just like the vests many wear for safety as a natural part of their work, a mask is worn to keep our crews safe and on the mission. If there is anything we can do to increase your comfort level, such as more sanitizing and PPE, don't hesitate to ask - your work is critical to ***"Keep Alaska Moving."***

Your health is very important to us, just as important as the work you do for the people of Alaska.

*Commissioner MacKinnon*