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On June 16, 2020 YKHC came to Napaskiak to conduct a community wide testing for COVID-19. The results from the tests showed all Napaskiak residents who participated in the community wide test were negative, except for one nonresident who was in Napaskiak at the time of testing was positive. The community of Napaskiak supports the efforts of YKHC testing and are encouraging community members to get tested.

Since the YKHC press release the community of Napaskiak is currently going through and experiencing humiliation, discrimination and feeling victimized.

It has been brought to our attention and do find it disturbing the YKHC CEO and administration has ordered their staff/employees who work and commute, participated in a recent funeral to get a COVID test and stay home until their test comes back negative.

Two light plant operators were refused service, while another worker who wanted to talk to the Napa Auto supply manager hung up on the call when they were trying to buy generator parts for our local power plant while Napaskiak has been experiencing power outages.

Under the COVID mandate law, State of Alaska and CDC recommendations in states, any person can travel for essential needs. The trip and phone call to Napa Auto Supply were an essential needs trip to get a part for the local power plant in Napaskiak.

The community of Napaskiak respect and practices the COVID-19 CDC guidelines since March 27, 2020 and exercise with extreme caution. The Napaskiak Tribal Council, Napaskiak Task Force and City of Napaskiak advises other communities to be aware your community might experience similar treatment and behavior if COVID-19 cases are claimed in your village. Please protect your community tribal members from humiliation and victimization.

The Napaskiak Tribal Council is disappointed and appalled about YKHC. The Napaskiak Tribal Council will continue to support and assist our Tribal Members during these difficult times. We are all in this together. Be respectful, be safe and stay healthy.

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.” Psalm 133

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