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June 1, 2020 Newsletter

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AK CARES Application Open!

The AK CARES grant program is providing much-needed funding to Alaska businesses, including businesses and nonprofits that were previously not eligible for federal relief or had difficulty accessing assistance.

For more information on these \$5,000-\$100,000 grants - including eligibility requirements, eligible expenses, and more [Click Here.](#)

AEIDC is working to ensure businesses are connected to all of the necessary resources to complete these grant applications. Credit Union 1 began accepting applications today, June 1, through its website.

[Click Here to View the Application Checklist](#)

[Click Here to Apply](#)

SBA Paycheck Protection Program Update

On May 28, 2020 the House voted in favor of a bipartisan bill, titled the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act, that would extend the deadline for spending Paycheck Protection Program money to 24 weeks and allow borrowers to use 60% versus 75% of their funds on payroll, while still being eligible for loan forgiveness. The measure, accounting for the need for more flexibility for small businesses, was passed by the House in a 417-1 vote.

The House and Senate are expected to work on a compromise bill for the PPP changes in the next week or so.

Information Provided by NATA



Iliamna Airport Runway 36 PAPI Lights

Iliamna Airport Runway 36 PAPI lights are out of service due to damage sustained in March. Due to the high estimated cost of repair, FAA Tech-Ops is requesting a study on the feasibility of decommissioning the system.

Runway 36 is a crossing runway with two published instrument approach procedures. A RNAV (GPS) and NDB instrument approach. The PAPI does not provide a lighting credit for these procedures.

Please review this request and respond with comments. AACA has received comments and include:

- Visual landing aids are an important safety supplement even when aircraft are IFR equipped, and are especially helpful when landing at night or in flat light.
- This is not a good thing, and could establish a precedent of reducing important safety infrastructure instead of maintaining it.
- Please forward **your** comments today!

Potential Health Mandate Updates

Friday, the governor met with airlines to solicit input on potential Health Mandate updates aimed at eliminating the 14-day mandatory quarantine when traveling to Alaska. The governor considers (the list below is subject to change):

1. Opening Alaska by June 5, 2020.
2. Requiring COVID-19 test results within 72 hours of passenger flight departure times or providing testing at Alaska arrival airports. Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and possibly Petersburg and Wrangell would have the ability to test. Other bush airports such as Barrow, Kotzebue, and others already have testing capabilities.
3. Contracting health care workers to provide COVID-19 testing at Alaska hub Airports. Anyone testing negative can enjoy Alaska.
4. Requiring passengers that test at the arrival airports to remain in the area until test results are available.
5. Anyone that refuses to take a test must quarantine for 14 days.
6. Other requirements, such as social distancing, may

remain in effect also.

Discussions continue on the nationwide availability of a 72-hour COVID-19 test or alternately, rapid testing available at the larger Alaskan airports.

Additional changes to the proposed Health Mandate conditions above are possible, AACA will forward updates as they are made available.

AACA OFFERS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- **Worker's Compensation Insurance**

- Good experience on paid insurance premiums.
- Dual memberships required - AACA & IFBOA.
- IFBOA dues are \$300 per year for plan participants.

- **Pilots Loss of License Insurance (INCLUDING LOSS OF MEDICAL)**

- Contact Assured directly at (792) 980-0800. <http://www.airsure.com/markets-we-serve/alaska>
- Risk Strategies - Please contact Mike Craford 503-789-5215.

- **MODA Group Health Care plans.**

- Three medical plans have been developed for AACA members, as well as dental and vision packages.
- The three plan choices are designed to fit a range of budgets, including a high deductible health plan.
- Favorable 2019-2020 rates were finalized in October 2019 and renewed annually.
- Call or email Risk Strategies program specialists today for a quote on Health Care, Life Insurance and more!

AACA Group Health Care Presentation [CLICK HERE](#)

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• **Other AACA benefits:**

- Legislative Advocacy (Federal & State)
- Safety Awards Program
- Scholarships
- Free Stand By Travel - for air carrier employees to AACA annual convention and member dinner. Generously donated by Alaska Airlines
- AACA Facilitates Training and Meetings
- Web links to your website or email
- Member discounts for advertising on the AACA website.
- Quarterly Newsletter (Digital)
- Annual Membership Directory



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