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## Please see the below statement from the Iditarod Trail Committee:

The Iditarod continues to engage with the State of Alaska's chief medical officer in order to ensure we are deploying best preventative practices including pre-flight screenings for staff and hyper diligence with regard to personal hygiene and disinfecting of surfaces. Moreover, the Iditarod has pared down its staff to essential personnel limited to veterinarians, logistics, communications and necessary dog handlers.

The Iditarod fully appreciates and is humbled by the passion and social energy of the Iditarod nation; however, we are asking you to not make any nonessential travel to the Nome finish, in particular, those who are traveling from outside of Alaska. We hope you will be able to attend our finishers banquet and will notify you when rescheduled.

The Iditarod has some of the best fans in the world, and we thank you for your support.

For continuous updates on Iditarod XLVIII, visit <u>www.iditarod.com</u>.

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