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Capstone Family Medicine continues as Iditarod Partner

Wasilla, Alaska – The Iditarod announced today that Capstone Family Medicine will be extending their Iditarod partnership. Capstone was an invaluable partner during the 2021 and 2022 races as their staff administered over 10,000 COVID tests to ensure delivery of the Iditarod’s COVID Prevention Plan and its objective of zero community transmission. Capstone’s healthcare team operating out of their COVID Mobile Testing Unit was ever present in Anchorage and Willow, supporting testing efforts along the trail and at the finish line in Nome.

“Capstone’s healthcare delivery mission has always been to give back to the communities in which we serve our patients. The sponsorship of the Iditarod Sled Dog Championship offering testing services and funding is intended to ensure the race is safe for both mushers and four-legged athletes. We’re proud to be part of the race,” says Dennis Spencer, CEO of Medical Network of Alaska, parent company to Capstone.

“Capstone has been a terrific partner for the Iditarod; they were highly proactive, resourceful and conscientious in helping us navigate COVID and their continued support demonstrates their heartfelt commitment to the spirit of the Iditarod and all Alaskans,” says Rob Urbach, Iditarod CEO. “We are excited and grateful to have Capstone continue their partnership of the Iditarod.”

The ceremonial start of the Iditarod will take place at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 4 in downtown Anchorage and the official Restart will take place at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 5 at the Willow Community Center in Willow. Fans are encouraged to come and support the teams on their journey to Nome.

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About Capstone Family Medicine

The mission of Capstone Family Medicine is to provide Alaska with the best, most comprehensive, quality family healthcare. This is achieved by providing board certified physicians along with a caring, dedicated, and professional staff. By offering same day



appointments and maintaining hospital privileges, our doctors are available and capable to care for any illness that may arise. The ability to have this kind of personal care is available with your family physician at Capstone. Learn more at: capstoneclinic.net

About the Iditarod

The Iditarod Trail Committee is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the rich tradition of the Alaska sled dog and the Iditarod Trail. The organization is charged with coordinating the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, an annual long-distance sled dog race stretching from Anchorage to Nome for an approximate 1,049-mile journey through Alaska over the roughest, most breathtaking terrain in the world. For more information, visit www.iditarod.com.

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