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## Gratitude Displayed to Nursing Staff during Nurse Appreciation Month Alaska Airlines donates two first class tickets (and chocolates!) to nursing staff at ANMC

The Alaska Native Medical Center is so appreciative of the support that has poured in from the community for our health care workers, especially during this uncertain time responding to COVID-19.

On our campus, at 11:15 this morning, a pilot and flight attendant from Alaska Airlines will present the ANMC nursing leadership with two first class tickets and chocolates to be shared with the nursing staff. All of our inpatient and clinic nurses will be entered into an electronic drawing, and one will be selected from each group to receive the donation, a sincere thank you from Alaska Airlines for a work force that is so critical to our community and our overall health.

"Our nurses are the first to interact with our patients. The excellent care they provide has never been more critical than it is now, as we've prepared and responded to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Roald Helgesen, Chief Executive Officer & Administrator, Alaska Native Medical Center. "We are grateful for the support of the community, such as Alaska Airlines today, as we rally around and support our excellent staff in this meaningful way."

Any interested media are welcome to meet at the rotunda entrance of the hospital at 11am today. Masks will be required for entrance.

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