

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing a revision to its tenth health mandate based on its authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020.

This revised Mandate goes into effect 12:01 AM June 6, 2020.

The purpose of this Mandate is to provide clear requirements related to international and interstate travel, while still working to provide sufficient mitigation factors to prevent, slow, and otherwise disrupt the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

# Health Mandate 10.1 - International and Interstate Travel - Order for Self-Quarantine

#### Effective 12:01 am June 6, 2020:

- I. Applicability: This mandate applies to all persons entering the state of Alaska, whether resident, worker, or visitor.
- II. Requirements for Residents or Visitors: All residents or visitors arriving in Alaska from outside the state must self-quarantine for 14 days unless the traveler falls under one of the following four categories (a, b, c, or d, below):
  - a. Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2:
    - i. The traveler produces a molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 result showing that the traveler tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours before departure to Alaska;

OR

- ii. The traveler produces a molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 result showing that the traveler tested negative for COVID-19 within five days before departure to Alaska and the traveler obtains a second molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 upon arrival in Alaska, and minimize interactions until the second test result is received and that test is also negative;
- iii. All travelers with negative results from a pre-travel test will need to minimize interactions until (1) they receive negative results from the second test for COVID-19; (2) for 14 days after arrival; or (3) they leave Alaska, whichever is soonest. If a second test is needed, they will receive a voucher upon arrival
- b. Molecular-based Test for SARS-CoV2 upon arrival:
  - i. The traveler obtains a molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 upon arrival in Alaska that shows the traveler is negative for COVID-19. The traveler must self-quarantine, at their own expense, while waiting for the test results. The traveler will receive a voucher for a second test that must occur within 7-14 days after arrival, and should minimize interactions until the result from the second test shows the traveler is negative for COVID-19.
  - ii. If the molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 comes up positive, the traveler must isolate at their own expense, and will not be able to travel unless cleared by public health.
- c. Prior confirmed positive results:
  - i. No molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 is required for either immediately before travel or upon arrival, if all three (3) of the following conditions are met:
    - 1. The traveler shows evidence of previously positive results of a molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 that occurred at least three weeks prior to arrival in Alaska; and
    - 2. The traveler is currently asymptomatic; and
    - 3. The traveler can show a medical provider's note of recovery.
- d. Alaska Residents returning from trips of five days or less: Alaska residents who travel out of state for a period of five days or less are not required to be tested before leaving (note: destination state or nation may have testing requirements) or prior to returning to the state.

Upon returning to Alaska, residents in category "c", must either:

i. Self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival, with no requirement for testing;

OR

- ii. Obtain a molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 upon arrival in Alaska that shows that the resident is negative for COVID-19. The resident must self-quarantine while waiting for the test results. The resident will receive a voucher for a second test that must occur within 7-14 days after arrival, and should minimize interactions until the results from the second test shows the resident is negative for COVID-19.
- III. Requirements for Critical infrastructure employee travel:
  - a. All workers arriving in Alaska from outside the state as part of critical infrastructure workforce as outlined in the Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order (formerly Attachment A) falls under this section and does not qualify for the protocols in Section II.
  - b. The employee must follow their company's reviewed community protective plan on file with the State that includes testing and/or quarantine provisions. The categories for the protective plans are below:
    - i. Protective Plans pursuant to the Alaska Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure Order: Critical infrastructure is vital to keeping Alaska safe, and, as a result, businesses and employees of critical infrastructure industries must take special care to protect their staff and operations during this pandemic. If your business is included in the Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order (formerly Attachment A), and your workers must travel to enter Alaska, you must submit a plan or protocol for maintaining critical infrastructure to the akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com. This plan must outline how you will avoid the spread of COVID-19 and not endanger the lives of the communities in which you operate, of others who serve as a part of that infrastructure, or the ability of that critical infrastructure to function.
      - 1. Companies that have previously submitted plans do not need to submit another; they can proceed under their current plans that have been reviewed by the State.
    - ii. Arriving commercial fishing vessel crewmembers or independent harvesters must follow the procedures in Health Mandate 017 Protective Measures for Independent Commercial Vessels.
    - iii. Arriving seafood processing workers must follow the procedures in Health Mandate 010 Appendix 01 Enhanced Protective Measures for Seafood Processing Workers.

## IV. Protocol

a. Pursuant to the Governor's declaration, the State of Alaska hereby orders the following:

Prior to arrival in any community in Alaska from another state or nation, you must:

- i. Read the available information about safely traveling to Alaska.
- ii. Complete the State of Alaska Travel Declaration Form online and submit. Please print a copy or have electronic proof with you at your port of entry. If you are unable to complete the form online, paper copies will be available to complete at your port of entry. If receiving a molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 upon arrival, register with the appropriate testing site.



To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska issued its eighteenth health mandate based on its authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020.

Given the increasing concern for new cases of COVID-19 being transmitted via community spread within the state, Governor Dunleavy and the State of Alaska issued Mandate 018, to go into effect May 12, 2020 at 8:00 AM, and it remains in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded.

This mandate is issued to protect the public health of Alaskans. By issuing this Mandate, the Governor continues to establish consistent mandates across the State in order to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The goal is to flatten the curve, disrupting the spread of the virus.

# Health Mandate 18 - Intrastate Travel

The purpose of this Mandate is to clarify and centralize all requirements related to intrastate travel, to increase the ability of individuals within Alaska to travel, while still working to provide sufficient mitigation factors to prevent, slow, and otherwise disrupt the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

This Mandate supersedes Mandate 012, Attachment B, and Mandate 016-Attachment M.

At 8:00 a.m. on May 12, 2020, intrastate travel is permitted under the following conditions and guidance:

## **Definitions for purposes of this Mandate:**

- 1. "Road System" is defined as any community connected by a road to the Seward, Parks, Klondike, Richardson, Sterling, Glenn, Haines, or Top of the World Highways.
- 2. "Marine Highway System" is defined as any community served by the Alaska Marine Highway System or the Inter-Island Ferry System.
- 3. "Critical Personal Needs" is defined as those needs that are critical to meeting a person's individual or family needs. Those needs include buying, selling, or delivering groceries and home goods; obtaining fuel for vehicles or residential needs; transporting family members for out-of-home care, essential health needs, or for purposes of child custody exchanges; receiving essential health care; providing essential health care to a family member; obtaining other important goods; and engaging in subsistence activities.
- 4. "Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure" is defined as businesses included in "Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure" (formerly Attachment A).

<u>Intrastate Travel Between Communities Located On The Road System or The Marine Highway System is permitted for all purposes</u>. Note: travelers may travel between the Road System and Marine Highway System communities via any normal means of transportation, including vehicle, boat, ferry, aircraft, and commercial air carrier.

Intrastate Travel Between Communities Located Off The Road System or The Marine Highway System Is Permitted, but subject to local travel restrictions.

- 1. Local communities may enact travel restrictions, but cannot require automatic quarantine or measures that prevent travel for:
  - i. Critical Personal Needs
  - ii. The conduct of Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure

#### **General Requirements**

- 2. No one traveling to or from any community for Critical Infrastructure/Essential Services reasons or Critical Personal Needs travel may be subject to any automatic quarantine or isolation on arrival, except as allowed under Alaska Statutes or Health Mandates.
- 3. Air carriers, ferries, and other travel-related businesses have no duty to verify that intrastate travelers meet the criteria for permissible travel under this Mandate. Air carriers shall inquire if travelers are permitted to travel under this Mandate and shall rely upon a traveler's assurance that they are eligible to travel.
- 4. All businesses, whether Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure or non-essential/non-critical, that have staff traveling between communities, must file a protective plan with <a href="mailto:akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com">ak-prepared.com</a>. The plan should outline how the business will avoid the spread of COVID-19 and not endanger lives in the communities in which the business wants to operate, endanger others who serve as a part of the business community, or endanger the ability of critical infrastructure to function. If you have already submitted a plan pursuant to a prior Health Mandate, you do not need to submit another plan. Visit <a href="https://covid19.alaska.gov/unified-command/protective-plans/">https://covid19.alaska.gov/unified-command/protective-plans/</a> for guidance.
- 5. Alaskans should refer to other Health Mandates and guidance as necessary and appropriate.

## **Precautions while traveling:**

- 1. Travelers should take appropriate protective measures while traveling, such as wearing cloth face coverings, practicing social distancing, and washing hands frequently.
- 2. Detailed guidance and advisories on how to minimize the risk of spread can be found at https://covid19.alaska.gov/reopen