

# COVID-19 Response and Recovery

## Health Advisory No. 3

### Intrastate Travel

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The State of Alaska **DOES NOT** restrict or limit travel within the state.

Individual communities, acting through their local leaders and government bodies, may wish to withdraw or enact laws related to protection of communities from COVID-19. While intrastate travel restrictions are not advised, they should be limited to small communities off the Road System and the Alaska Marine Highway System.

#### I. Exemptions for Fully-Vaccinated Individuals:

State of Alaska and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance says the following about fully vaccinated travelers:

- a. Fully-vaccinated travelers do not need to get tested before or after travel.
- b. Fully-vaccinated travelers do not need to self-quarantine after travel.
- c. Fully-vaccinated is defined as more than two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series, or more than two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

#### II. Prior confirmed positive results within 90 days of departure:

- a. Asymptomatic travelers, that had a positive viral test for SARS-CoV-2 within 90 days of travel departure, are not recommended to pre-travel test nor test upon arrival.

#### III. Considerations

- a. Communities that have enacted or are continuing local ordinances on travel restrictions should take into account the vaccination rates of their residents. COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be highly effective at preventing severe illness and hospitalizations. If your local population has high vaccination rates and are protected, then travel restrictions may not be necessary or useful. Information on vaccination rates for local areas can be found on the COVID-19 vaccine dashboard at:

- i. <https://alaska-coronavirus-vaccine-outreach-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/app/c74be37e02b44bb8b8b40515eabbab55>

- b. Symptomatic persons are not recommended to travel.

#### **IV. Community Restrictions and Critical Infrastructure Access**

- a.** Local communities should not prevent individuals traveling for a Critical Personal Need or the conduct of an Essential Service/Critical Infrastructure installation, maintenance, or repair. Other considerations for communities and/or Local Emergency Ordinances are as follows:
  - i.** Communities should not enact protective measures that prevent, delay, or limit emergency travel by Law Enforcement Officers, healthcare workers, or personnel from the Office of Children’s Services.
  - ii.** Communities should not prevent local residents from returning home.
  - iii.** Communities should not prevent travel for a Critical Personal Need.
  - iv.** Communities should not prevent Critical Infrastructure Workers (CI) from traveling or commencing work immediately upon arrival.
    - i.** Critical Infrastructure Workers traveling to small communities in support of emergency requirements should coordinate access with the municipal or tribal government representatives of the community if the situation does not allow time for pre-travel testing, such as a power outage, communications failure, damage to infrastructure, or other situation that requires emergency travel.
  - v.** Communities should not prevent the travel of work crews engaged in non-essential construction or repair projects, and are encouraged to negotiate access requirements with both the company involved in construction and the business or agency that is sponsoring or contracting the construction.
  - vi.** Communities should not prevent individuals from traveling to conduct subsistence hunting or fishing.

#### **V. Possible Protective Measures**

- a.** Travel restrictions or protective measures are at the discretion of the local government and the following items are presented as optional suggestions for protective measures as well as limitations on any restrictions.
  - i.** Non-vaccinated residents returning home, possible protective measures:
    - 1.** encouraging a pre-travel test, a period of social distancing after arrival, or bracketed testing before and after that period.
    - 2.** Non-vaccinated residents returning home who choose not to test are recommended to conduct a full 10-day self-quarantine in their home upon their return, along with all other family members sharing the home.

- ii. Critical Infrastructure Workers (CI), possible protective measures:
  - 1. encouraging a pre-travel test, asking CI workers to follow community mask guidelines, or to be socially distant from community residents.

## VI. Definitions

- a. Road System: is defined as any community connected by a road to the Steese, Elliot, Dalton, Seward, Parks, Klondike, Richardson, Sterling, Glenn, Haines, or Top of the World Highways.
- b. Alaska Marine Highway: is defined as any community served by the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) or the Inter-Island Ferry System.
  - a. All travelers on Alaska Marine Highway System vessels should research and know of any testing guidelines that are specific to AMHS.
- c. Critical Personal Needs: 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 (to include child travelers); receiving essential health care; providing essential health care to a family member; obtaining other important goods; engaging in subsistence activities; pursuing formal (primary, secondary, or collegiate) education or educational research; applying for a job; traveling for voting; and the inspection and maintenance of personal property.
- d. Critical Infrastructure Workforce: is defined in the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) “Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce.”  
[https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ECIW\\_4.0\\_Guidance\\_on\\_Essential\\_Critical\\_Infrastructure\\_Workers\\_Final3\\_508\\_0.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ECIW_4.0_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_Final3_508_0.pdf)
- e. Fully vaccinated is defined as more than two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series, or more than two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

## VII. Other Info

- a. <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>
- b. <https://covid19.alaska.gov/faq/>
- c. Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) “Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce.”  
[https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ECIW\\_4.0\\_Guidance\\_on\\_Essential\\_Critical\\_Infrastructure\\_Workers\\_Final3\\_508\\_0.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ECIW_4.0_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_Final3_508_0.pdf)