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It's been said before, but worth repeating! As we arrive closer to the holidays, Fairbanks International Airport (FAI) would like to share both the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and COVID-19 travel guidelines.

TSA Do's and Don'ts of Holiday Travel:

Hold off wrapping your gifts until you reach your destination. Any item that requires additional inspection, such as larger electronics, could require that the item be unwrapped. This includes items in checked and carry-on bags.

Whether it's bringing a pie to dinner or taking home leftovers, food items must be removed from your carry-on for screening. Passengers are encouraged to place food items into a clear plastic bag and placed in a bin for screening.

Your favorite bottle(s) of wine, beer, or spirits must be packed in a checked bag for your flight. You may pack as many alcoholic beverages that you can fit in your suitcase as long as they contain less than 24% alcohol. Be aware that bag fees and overweight bag fees may apply.

TSA Pre✓® allows eligible travelers to receive expedited screening so there is no need to remove shoes, laptops, liquids, belts or light jackets, [apply now](#) and be ready for your next holiday trip!

Travelers with disabilities, medical conditions and other special circumstances may call the [TSA Cares](#) helpline toll free at 855-787-2227 with any questions about screening policies, procedures and to find out what to expect at the security checkpoint.

Arrive at the airport early to allow adequate time for checking bags, completing security screening and getting to the departure gate. COVID-19 has affected staffing and operations across the airport environment, potentially adding time to your pre-flight experience.

MyTSAapp will provide 24/7 access to the most frequently requested airport security information on any mobile device. Plus, you can check for flight delays and current weather conditions at nationwide airports and includes information on items that can be packed in your carry-on versus your checked bag.

Follow the rules, COVID-19 guidelines:

Travelers should familiarize themselves with their destination's international, state, and local guidelines. The U.S. has implemented [travel requirements](#) for all travelers inbound from a foreign country.

There is a [mask mandate](#), wear your mask.

If social distancing is required, stay at least six feet from others.

Pretravel testing is a good idea and may be required by your destination. The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has no charge testing available at FAI inside of security for ticketed travelers departing or arriving (results between 36-72 hours). PRC tests are not available.

Safety in route

Carry several masks with you in case of loss or need to replace.

Review the rules that are specific to your airline. Keep in mind that you may have booked with one airline but are flying on one of their travel partners and they may have different rules.

Bring sanitizing wipes/spray to clean seating and other surfaces.

Bring hand sanitizer with you. The TSA is allowing up to 12 ounces of hand sanitizer in your carry-on. The 3-1-1 rule still applies for all other liquids, gels and pastes:

- Each container must be 3.4 ounces or less.
- All containers must be in a clear, one-quart size bag.
- Only one quart-size bag per passenger

Consider buying travel insurance. If you contract COVID-19 while traveling, you may not be able to return home until you have recovered or you may need to cancel your trip before you leave.

Check your destination's local news or websites leading up to your travel date for changes in international, state, and local guidelines.

Plan for contingencies. The spread of the virus could impact:

Available lodging

Dining options

Travel rules

Safe Travels and Happy Holidays!

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