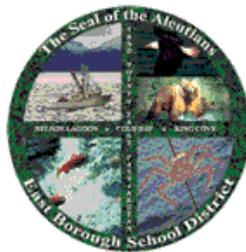
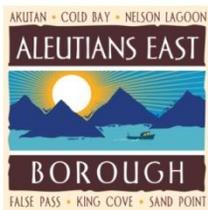


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****COVID-19 HEALTH MANDATE****

Issued: March 23, 2020: To prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing its tenth 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 around Alaska, Governor Dunleavy and the State of Alaska are issuing the following mandate to go into effect March 25, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., and will be reevaluated by April 21, 2020.

This mandate is issued to protect the public health of Alaskans. The Governor looks to establish consistent mandates across the state in order to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. The goal is to flatten the curve and prevent the spread of the virus.

The purpose of this mandate is to control the ingress to Alaska from outside localities in order to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

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

Effective 12:01 a.m. March 25, 2020:

All people arriving in Alaska, whether resident, worker or visitor, are **required to self-quarantine for 14 days** and monitor for illness. Arriving residents and workers in self-quarantine, should work from home, unless you support critical infrastructure (see Attachment A).

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 Attachment A, and your workers must travel to enter Alaska, you must submit a plan or protocol for maintaining critical infrastructure to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development **by 3:00 p.m. March 24**, outlining 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.

Pursuant to the Governor's declaration, the State of Alaska hereby orders the following. Upon arrival in any community in Alaska from another state or nation, you must:

1. Proceed directly from the airport to your designated quarantine location, which is the location identified and affirmed by you on the mandatory State of Alaska Travel Declaration Form (attached).
 - a. If you are a resident, your designated quarantine location is your residence.
 - b. If you are a visitor or worker, your designated quarantine location is your hotel room or rented lodging.
2. Remain in your designated quarantine location for a period of 14 days, or the duration of your stay in Alaska, whichever is shorter.
 - a. You may leave your designated quarantine location only for medical emergencies or to seek medical care.
 - b. Do not visit any public spaces, including, but not limited to: pools, meetings rooms, fitness centers or restaurants.
 - c. Do not allow visitors in or out of your designated quarantine location other than a physician, healthcare provider, or individual authorized to enter the designated quarantine location by Unified Command.
 - d. Comply with all rules or protocols related to your quarantine as set forth by your hotel or rented lodging.

- e. If you are required to self-quarantine and there are other individuals in your residence, hotel room, or rented lodging, you are required to comply with social distancing guidelines.

This mandate supersedes any local government travel restrictions.

The failure to follow this order is punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both pursuant to Alaska Statute 12.55.035 and Alaska Statute 12.55.135

Authority: AS 26.23.020(g)(7)

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19news/>

coronavirus.alaska.gov

State of Alaska COVID-19 Mandate 010

- [SOA_03232020_HealthAlert010_TravelSelfQuarantine_AttachmentA.pdf](#)
- [SOA_03232020_HealthAlert010_TravelSelfQuarantine_AttachmentC.pdf](#)
- [SOA_03232020_HealthAlert010_TravelSelfQuarantine_AttachmentB.pdf](#)



Four new cases of COVID-19 detected, all in Anchorage

March 23, 2020: The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) today [announced](#) four new cases of COVID-19. All of the new cases were adults living in Anchorage and all are travel-related. Ten new cases were detected yesterday, bringing the total case count as of 3 p.m. today to 36 total positive cases in Alaska. Find more information about how to keep yourself and your family healthy at: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

Sharing from the Alaska House Majority:



Legislature Passes Bill Expanding Unemployment Benefits for Alaskans Impacted by COVID-19

HB308 is a critical step to provide much needed aid for those displaced by deadly virus

JUNEAU – Today, a bill that will make it easier for Alaskans facing economic impacts due to the outbreak of COVID-19 to access unemployment benefits cleared its final legislative hurdle. [House Bill 308](#) passed the House of Representatives on a 37-0 vote, one day after it passed the Senate, 19-0. The bill, which now heads to the governor’s desk for final approval, is a critical step in the effort to provide much needed aid and comfort to Alaskans displaced by this deadly virus.

Rep. Ivy Spohnholz (D-Anchorage) is the House Labor and Commerce Committee chair and the bill’s prime sponsor. “We have seen a 700 percent increase in unemployment benefit applications over the last month as hard-working families are forced to lose work, hours, or pay because of the public health crisis around this disease,” *Representative Spohnholz* said. “Alaskans need help now, and this bill provides critical relief for these families.”

The bill allows Alaskans who have lost work, whether from being forced to stay at home and care for children displaced from school or childcare, or those who lost employment when their employer’s business closed, to apply for unemployment benefits from the State of Alaska. It also makes the state eligible to receive federal unemployment insurance grants authorized by the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#).

The bill waives the normal one-week waiting period and the requirement that those affected be ready and able to work, as many Alaskans will be forced to remain indoors. HB308 also removes the cap on the number of dependents cared for in the bill and increases the allowance for dependents from \$24 to \$75 per dependent per week.

Sen. Click Bishop (R-Fairbanks) sponsored the Senate companion bill, [SB240](#), and said, “Alaska workers have been paying into our unemployment insurance trust fund with every paycheck, and it is our duty to allow them to access those benefits they have paid for if they are unable to work due to the coronavirus outbreak.”

The speedy passage of this bill – from its introduction on March 18 to a final floor vote on March 23 – represents true bipartisan effort to respond to a crisis. This would not have been possible

without support of leadership in all bodies, and the sponsors thank all legislators and the Department of Labor for their support.

If you have been affected by COVID-19 closures and lost work, you can access the State Unemployment Insurance Program online at my.alaska.gov. Once on the homepage, click on “Unemployment Insurance Benefits.” Depending on your location, you can also call for assistance: Anchorage residents (907-269-4700), Fairbanks residents (907-451-2871), Juneau residents (907-465-5552), and people who live anywhere else in Alaska (1-888-252-2557).

Health Screenings of Seafood Processing Employees

Information shared from Rep. Bryce Edgmon’s March 23, 2020 newsletter:

A concern that has been raised by several residents of District 37 is the arrival of seafood processing workers and the potential they may be carrying COVID-19. Currently all seafood processing companies have contracted with a company in Anchorage to provide health screenings at Ted Stevens International Airport before a worker may get on a flight to where they’re working.

The screening process is as follows:

- Team is in full respirator gloves, gown.
- ID check.
- Information on where they’re going.
- Asking about any travel (level 3 CDC) in the last 14 days (write down where they’ve traveled, document, when they left), ask if they had known contact with a person under investigation or tested positive for COVID19.
- Take contact temperature – anything over 100.4 then second test is administered with oral thermometer.
- Asking in the last few days if they have had a fever, cough, shortness of breath.
- Ask if they have been taking anything to mitigate (Tylenol), document that.
- Would not be allowed to travel if they had a fever but could travel if they had a cough or runny nose.

- Ask if they had any other signs or symptoms (headaches, muscles aches, chills) – if they say no to all of that then they're cleared. If they say yes to any of that, non-clearance.
- Cannot be rescreened until symptoms have resolved.

Southwest Alaska COVID-19 Business Impacts Survey

SWAMC is asking all business leaders in Southwest Alaska to take this quick COVID-19 Business Impacts Survey.

SWAMC staff members are actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation and are working with local, regional, and state organizations to identify what we each can do to help meet the needs of the region. By surveying local businesses, we hope to get solid baseline data to use as we track the impacts from COVID-19. Gathering impact data will help us identify trends in our local businesses both large and small as we work with our State and Federal partners on programs and funding assistance that will be of critical importance to the recovery of our business sector. We ask readers, especially local government leadership, in all of our communities to help get this survey out to their local businesses.

We will send out follow-up surveys in order to track trends. Feedback and suggestions are welcome, and can be sent to smarquardt@swamc.org. Special thanks to the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation and Southeast Conference for their work developing this survey. All individual survey responses are 100% confidential. Results will only be reported in aggregate.

Click on the link below to take the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRWJTLJ>

Weekly COVID-19 Messages from the CDC:

For the latest information regarding COVID-19, go to the CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

For messages shared regarding COVID-19 during the past week, click [here](#).

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