State of Alaska Travel and COVID Testing
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As of February 14th, Alaska DHSS's [COVID-19 Response and Recovery Health Advisory Number 2](#) guides travel within and in and out of Alaska. It is highly recommended that all firefighting personnel follow the advisory as detailed below, to keep our communities and employees safe from COVID-19.

Any person currently positive with COVID-19 **cannot travel to Alaska** until they have been released from isolation or cleared for travel by a medical provider or public health agency.

ALL travelers are highly advised to pre-test for COVID (molecular-based test) up to 72 hours before travel and upload the results with personal information to the Alaska Travel Portal and bring a physical copy of test results.

For travelers coming to Alaska, or those traveling between communities in Alaska, DHSS has set up COVID-19 testing at airports in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchikan. All testing at the airport is 100% free of charge, whether you are an Alaska resident.

Exemption for Fully Vaccinated Individuals
Fully vaccinated travelers should follow pre-travel testing protocols, but do not need to follow strict social distancing while awaiting test results.
- "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.

International, interstate, and intrastate travelers:
- Should read available information regarding travel to Alaska and COVID-19 protocols before arrival.
- Complete a Travel Declaration Form in the [Alaska Travel Portal](#).

Travelers arriving in Alaska from outside the state should do one of the following:
a. **Test with results.** Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 **with negative results**: The traveler should submit negative test results from a test taken within 72 hours of departure into the Alaska Travel Portal or have proof of a negative test available to show screeners at the airport upon arrival.
   i. A second test taken between five and 14 days after arrival is also strongly recommended.

b. **Test without results yet**. Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-Co V2 **without results**: The traveler should submit proof of a test taken within 72 hours of departure into the [Alaska Travel Portal](#), or have proof available of having taken a test to show screeners at the airport.
   i. Unless fully vaccinated, the traveler should follow strict social distancing until test results are available. Strict social distancing is [defined by DHSS.](#)
   ii. The traveler should upload test results to the Alaska Travel Portal when received, regardless of the test result (negative or positive).
   iii. The traveler is recommended to obtain a second test 5–14 days after arrival.
   iv. If the molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 result is positive, the traveler must remain in self-isolation at their own expense. The traveler must contact the State of Alaska (1-800-478-0084) and must not travel until cleared by Public Health.

c. **No test yet**. No pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2: If a non-resident traveler (aged 11 years or older) arrives in Alaska without proof of a negative test result or proof of a test taken within 72 hours of departure, they should test at the airport.
   i. Unless fully vaccinated, the traveler should follow strict social distancing until test results are available. Strict social distancing is defined by DHSS.
   ii. Unless fully vaccinated, the traveler should obtain a second test 5–14 days after arrival.

d. **Recovered from COVID.** Prior confirmed positive results within 90 days of departure: No molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 is required for any traveler, either immediately before travel or upon arrival, if the following conditions are met:
   i. The traveler provides proof of a previously positive result of a molecular-based test for SARS-Co V2 within 90 days of departure: and
   ii. The traveler is currently asymptomatic.

Guidelines for Lower 48 Resources traveling to Alaska
Nonresident fire resources should adhere to the guidelines above, but **it is recommended that they arrive in Alaska ready to work**, without first requiring strict social distancing. It is recommended that travelers either 1) be fully vaccinated, or 2) get tested within 72 hours of travel and receive negative results by the time they arrive in Alaska (section a, above).

If you test positive
If you test positive for COVID-19, whether you have symptoms, you must isolate for at least 10 days at home. You may return to work after 10 days if your fever has resolved for at least 72 hours, and all other symptoms are resolved. You must telework or use COVID leave during isolation.