

State of Alaska Travel and COVID Testing

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As of April 26th, 2021, Alaska DHSS's [COVID-19 Response and Recovery Health Advisory Number 2](#) guides travel within and in and out of Alaska.

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.

Since testing of non-vaccinated travelers is the best means for limiting the spread of COVID-19 virus and variants, it is recommended that non-vaccinated travelers test prior to travel or take advantage of FREE and OPTIONAL COVID-19 testing available at primary ports of entry in Alaska.

Exemption for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

Fully-vaccinated travelers do not need to get tested before or after travel, and do not need to self-quarantine after travel. "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.

Although optional, **non-vaccinated travelers are highly advised to pre-test for COVID (molecular-based test) within 72 hours of departure** and upload the results to [Alaska Travel Portal](#), bring a physical copy of results, and fill out personal information on the portal. If you haven't received your test results before arrival in Alaska, social distancing¹ is recommended until test results are available. A second test is recommended, but optional, five to 14 days after arrival.

In the travel portal, you may:

- request a free SARS-CoV-2 test upon arrival to Alaska,
- request a free COVID-19 vaccination upon arrival to Alaska, and
- upload viral test results.

For travelers coming to Alaska, or between communities in Alaska, DHSS has set up COVID-19 testing and vaccinations at airports with inbound flights from outside Alaska (including Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchikan). All testing at the airport is 100% free of charge, whether or not you are an Alaska resident.

DHSS has contracted with Beacon to perform testing and vaccinations of incoming fire resources upon arrival, and for testing and vaccinations as needed in the field.

Guidelines for Lower 48 Resources traveling to Alaska

Nonresident fire resources should adhere to the guidelines above. **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.

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 leave during isolation.

¹ Strict social distancing is [defined by DHSS](#) as:

- You may be in an outdoor public place, but stay 6' away from anyone not in your household and wear a face covering.
- You may arrange curbside shopping or have food delivery.
- Do not take public transportation during the time you are practicing strict social distancing.
- Please do not enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community centers, sporting facilities (i.e., ice rinks, gymnasiums, sports domes), office buildings, school or daycare facilities.
- Do not participate in any group activities, including sporting events and practices, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings.