COVID-19 OUTBREAK
HEALTH ORDER NO. 6
International and Interstate Travel

Issued: **January 14, 2021**
Effective: **January 15, 2021**

By: Governor Mike Dunleavy
Commissioner Adam Crum Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, I issued a Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration due to the imminent threat of a COVID-19 outbreak. That emergency declaration was extended by the Legislature, and expired on November 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2020, I declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Alaska, including over 17,000 confirmed cases, and 84 deaths from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2020, Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Commissioner Adam Crum certified that an outbreak of the COVID-19 virus is occurring throughout Alaska, as evidenced by the current significant and widespread community transmission of the virus, including significant positive testing rates, and record daily numbers of new cases;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner Adam Crum certified that Alaska is currently experiencing a severe statewide outbreak of COVID-19 and will continue to do so, without immediate intervention, which includes the distribution of vaccines;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, Alaska has had over 47,000 confirmed cases and 222 deaths, and in January 2021, a new strain of the SARS-CoV-2 was identified as being more contagious than the original strain, and is spreading in the United States;

WHEREAS, to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and to respond to the effects of the outbreak, I am issuing this Order based on my authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration issued on January 14, 2021, and made effective on January 15, 2021;

The purpose of COVID-19 Outbreak Health Order No. 6, International and Interstate Travel, is to provide clear requirements to travelers entering Alaska from outside Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, Governor of the State of Alaska, pursuant to the authority vested in me under AS 26.23.020, am hereby issuing the following Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

The State of Alaska is issuing COVID-19 Outbreak Health Order No 6, International and Interstate Travel, to go into effect at 12:00 am January 15, 2021.

I. **Applicability:** This Health Order applies to all persons entering the state of Alaska, whether resident, worker, or visitor. This Order applies to all forms of travel (land, sea, and air). Children age 10 and under are exempt from the testing requirement. However, untested children traveling with a parent or guardian must remain in the same status for the same duration as the parent/guardian (self-quarantine and/or strict social distancing).

II. **All international and interstate travelers:**

- **a.** Must complete a Travel Declaration Form and a Self-Isolation Plan in the Alaska Travel Portal at www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com.
- **b.** 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.

III. **Requirements for All Travelers Entering Alaska:** all travelers, Alaska resident and non-residents alike, who are arriving in Alaska from outside the state must comply with one of the following options, with special considerations for Alaska residents outlined in Section IV:

- **a.** **Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 with negative results:** The traveler must 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. All travelers with negative results from tests taken within 72 hours of departure must follow strict social distancing for five days after arrival into Alaska, or until they leave Alaska, whichever occurs first.
  - ii. A second test taken between five and 14 days after arrival is recommended, but not required
- **b.** **Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 without results:** The traveler must 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. The traveler must follow strict social distancing until test results arrive**.**
  - ii. The traveler must upload test results to the Alaska Travel Portal when received, regardless if negative or positive.

iii. All travelers with negative results from tests taken within 72 hours of departure must follow strict social distancing for five days after arrival into Alaska or until they leave Alaska, whichever occurs first.
iv. A second test taken between five and 14 days after arrival is recommended, but not required.
v. If the molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 result is **positive**, the traveler must remain in self-isolation at their own expense. They must contact the State of Alaska COVID Reporting Hotline (1-877-469-8067) and cannot travel until cleared by Public Health.

c. No pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2: If a non-resident traveler (age 11 or older) arrives in Alaska without proof of a negative test result or proof of a test taken within 72 hours of departure, they will be required to pay $250 per test at the airport. Residents may obtain a **molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 upon arrival** in Alaska at no cost.

i. All travelers must follow strict social distancing until test results are available.
ii. All travelers with negative results from the arrival test must follow strict social distancing for five days after arrival into Alaska or until they leave Alaska, whichever occurs first.
iii. A second test taken between five and 14 days after arrival is recommended, but not required.

IV. Special Considerations for Alaska Residents

a. Quarantine for 14 days after arrival into Alaska

i. **No test is required; and**
ii. The resident traveler must self-quarantine, at their own expense.

b. Travel outside of Alaska for less than 72 hours.

i. No test or quarantine is required.
ii. Resident traveler will self- monitor for 14 days after arrival for any symptoms, even mild ones.

V. Prior confirmed positive results within 90 days of departure – All Travelers:

a. No molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 is required for any traveler, either immediately before travel or upon arrival, if all three of the following conditions are met:

i. The traveler provides proof of a previously positive result of a molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 within 90 days of departure; and

ii. The traveler is currently asymptomatic; and
iii. The traveler can provide documentation of recovery from a medical provider or a public health official indicating the traveler has been released from isolation.

VI. Requirements for Critical Infrastructure Workforce (CI) travel:

a. All workers arriving in Alaska from outside the state as part of the critical infrastructure workforce, as 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/Version_4.0_CISA_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_FINAL%20AUG%2018v3.pdf, fall under this section and do not qualify for the options listed in Sections II-V.

b. Arrive with a letter from the employer that:

i. Identifies the employer and employee by name; and
ii. Details instructions on how the employee must travel to their job site in accordance with the employer's Community Workforce Protective Plan; and
iii. Confirms the traveler is following the employer's Community Workforce Protective Plan on file with the State of Alaska that includes testing and/or quarantine provisions.

c. The categories for the protective plans are below:

i. Protective Plans pursuant to the *Alaska Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure Order:* 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 the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce," and your workers must travel to enter Alaska, you must submit a plan or protocol for maintaining critical infrastructure to the akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com. This plan must outline 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.

Companies that have previously submitted plans do not need to submit another; they can proceed under their current plans that have been reviewed by the State.

ii. Arriving commercial fishing vessel crewmembers, independent harvesters, and arriving seafood processing workers, must follow the procedures in COVID-19 Outbreak Health Order No 5.

VII. Protocol

Pursuant to the Governor's declaration, the State of Alaska hereby orders that prior to arrival to Alaska from another state or nation, you must do all of the following:

i. Read the available information about safely traveling to Alaska.
ii. Complete the State of Alaska Travel Declaration Form and the Self-Isolation Plan via the Alaska Travel Portal at www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com.
iii. Resident travelers and non-resident travelers who choose to take a test prior to travel must submit their results or proof of a test taken within 72 hours or have proof available to show airport screeners.
iv. Travelers who indicate in the Alaska Travel Portal that they will be in Alaska for five days or more will receive a voucher within the Alaska Travel Portal that can be used for an optional second test five to 14 days after arrival. The voucher allows for a free follow up test at airport testing sites.

VIII. Definitions

a. "Self-quarantine":
i. Self-quarantine is required while waiting for the results of your first molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2.
ii. Comply with all rules or protocols related to your self-quarantine as set forth by your hotel or rented lodging (if more restrictive than State of Alaska requirements), if applicable.

b. "Strict Social Distancing":
i. Strict social distancing is allowed after you have one negative test result from a test taken within 72 hours of departure or on arrival into Alaska.
ii. You may be in an outdoor public place, but you must remain six feet away from anyone not in your immediate household, and you must wear a face covering. You may arrange curbside shopping or have food delivery.
iii. You cannot enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community centers, sporting facilities (i.e., ice rinks, gymnasiums, and sports domes), office buildings, and school or daycare facilities. Do not participate in any group activities, including sporting events and practices, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings.
iv. This 14-day window can be shortened by receiving a negative result from an optional second molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 taken between five and 14 days after arrival into Alaska.

c. "Isolation":
   i. Isolation is self-quarantining after you have a positive test result.

d. "Self-Isolation Plan":
   i. Every non-resident traveler entering the state of Alaska will be required to complete a Self-Isolation Plan within the Alaska Travel Portal. This allows travelers to consider their plan for what they will do if their test results return positive while in Alaska.

e. "Alaska Resident":
   i. Accepted proof of Alaska residency for testing at airport:
      1. Alaska driver's license or state-issued ID card.
      2. Federally recognized Alaska tribal identification card.
      3. Active duty military ID card or active duty dependent ID card.
      4. Employment verification letter on employer letterhead or school verification letter for in-person schooling stating traveler is moving to Alaska for employment or school.

IX. 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."
   i. https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version_4.0_CISA_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_FINAL%20AUG%2018v3.pdf

This Order shall have the power of law and shall supersede all conflicting laws during the duration of the Order. This Order is in effect for the duration of the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration, effective January 15, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. This Order may be amended, and additional Orders may be issued to address mitigation efforts to control the spread of COVID-19 virus.