

# COVID-19 Response and Recovery

## Health Advisory No. 2

### International and Interstate Travel

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The State of Alaska does **NOT REQUIRE** COVID-19 testing for travelers to enter the State of Alaska.

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.

The purpose of this Health Advisory for International and Interstate Travel is to provide clear guidance for non-vaccinated travelers entering Alaska to mitigate the transmission and control the spread of COVID-19 virus.

#### I. All international and interstate travelers:

- a. Read the available information about safely traveling to Alaska.
  - i. <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>
  - ii. <https://covid19.alaska.gov/faq/>
- b. An **optional** Safe Travels Form can be completed via the Alaska Travel Portal at [www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com](http://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com). This is the hub for all traveler information and allows travelers to do the following optional items:
  - i. Request a **free** SARS-CoV-2 test upon arrival to Alaska.
  - ii. Request a **free** COVID-19 vaccination upon arrival to Alaska, when they become available at Alaska airports.
  - iii. Upload viral test results.
- c. 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.

- d. Please note, some Alaska communities may have local testing and quarantine requirements. Be sure to research the communities you are traveling to.

## II. Exemptions for Fully Vaccinated Individuals:

- a. Fully-vaccinated travelers do not need to get tested before or after travel.
- b. Fully-vaccinated travelers do not need to self-quarantine after travel.
- c. 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.

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

- a. Asymptomatic travelers that had a positive viral test for SARS-CoV-2 within 90 days of departure to Alaska are not recommended to pre-travel test nor test upon arrival.
- b. Proof of prior positive viral test for SARS-CoV-2 can be **optionally** uploaded to the Alaska Travel Portal at [www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com](http://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com).

## IV. Optional Testing Protocols: Resident and non-resident travelers arriving in Alaska from outside the state that wish to test either prior to travel or upon arrival can use the protocols below as guidance:

### a. Optional pre-travel viral test for SARS-CoV-2:

The traveler may choose to 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 while traveling.

- i. A second test is recommended, but **optional**, five to 14 days after arrival.

### b. No pre-travel viral test for SARS-CoV-2:

- i. **Optional and free** COVID-19 tests are available at select Alaska airports upon arrival.
- ii. Social distancing is recommended until test results are available.
- iii. A second test is recommended, but optional, five to 14 days after arrival.

## V. Recommendations for Critical Infrastructure Workforce (CI) travel:

- a. All workers arriving in Alaska from outside the state as part of the Critical Infrastructure Workforce, as defined in the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) “Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce.” [https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ECIW\\_4.0\\_Guidance\\_on\\_Essential\\_Critical\\_Infrastructure\\_Workers\\_Final3\\_508\\_0.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ECIW_4.0_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_Final3_508_0.pdf), fall under this section and do not qualify for the options listed in Sections II-V.

- b. Employers should provide a letter to CI travelers, explaining what the process is, and the letter should include:**
- i.** Identification of the employer and employee by name; and
  - ii.** Detailed instructions on how the employee should travel to their job site in accordance with the employer's Community Workforce Protective Plan.
- c. Health Advisory No. 4 - Critical Infrastructure** has more details, as well as appendices for procedures that commercial fishing vessel crewmembers, independent harvesters, and arriving seafood processing workers should follow.
- i.** <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>
  - ii.** <https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/02.14.21-Health-Advisory-4-Critical-Infrastructure.pdf>