

August 10th Travel Guidelines

Required of all SSD Staff and Students

Testing will continue to be provided at no cost at airport testing sites to Alaska residents traveling into or within the state.

Both resident and nonresident travelers will now be required to fill out a three-question self-isolation plan in the Alaska Travel Portal, detailing how they plan to isolate if they test positive for COVID-19 while in Alaska. Additionally, the mandate explains how all travelers into the state are required to practice strict social distancing for 14 days after arriving into Alaska, or until a second negative result is obtained from a molecular-based SARS-CoV2 test taken between 7-14 days after arriving into Alaska.

“These revisions are intended to prioritize and conserve our resources to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while still allowing travel to occur,” says Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner Adam Crum. “Travel is essential to Alaska’s well-being but by strongly incentivizing testing before travel for nonresidents, we expect to reduce the number of travelers who test positive for COVID-19 after arriving into our state. This will allow us to direct resources to where they are needed most and will also allow us to offer testing for intrastate travelers to help protect our rural communities.”

For all travelers:

Complete a Travel Declaration Form and Self-Isolation Plan in the Alaska Travel Portal. All travelers with negative results must still follow strict social distancing for 14 days after arriving into the state or until the traveler receives a second negative test result from a test taken 7-14 days after arrival. The five-day pretest option is no longer available for any travelers.

For Sitka Resident Travelers:

Travelers who are not out of Sitka for more than 24 hours will not be required to follow these Travel Guidelines.

Test 72 hours prior to departure, with the same rules as listed for nonresidents. Testing at arrival remains available at no cost to Alaska residents. The 14-day quarantine option is still available to Alaska residents.

Alaska residents traveling within the state will now have the option of free testing at the airport sites, to prevent bringing the virus into our small communities.

Proof of Alaska residency can be shown with one of the following:

Alaska driver's license or state issued ID card.

Federally recognized Alaska Tribal identification card.

Active duty military ID card or active duty dependent ID card.

Employment verification letter on employer letterhead or school verification letter for in-person schooling stating traveler is moving to Alaska for employment or school.