

Sitka School District Travel Protocols - updated 3/04/2021

The Sitka School Board has reviewed the following travel protocols to be effective for all SSD staff and students related to COVID-19 quarantine and testing for out of state and in-state travel. The Sitka School Board and district administration are requiring these protocols to prevent spread of the COVID-19 virus in school buildings and the community due to travel.

*Denotes updates to the travel protocol effective 3/04/2021 based updated CDC guidance and input from Alaska Public Health and building Smart Start teams.

Out of State Travel – Two negative tests required – 7 days apart or 10 day quarantine

As of 03/04/2021, all **unvaccinated*** staff and students traveling out of Alaska for more than **72 hours*** are required to test at the airport upon returning to Sitka. Upon returning, staff and students should follow strict social distancing protocols (including not entering a school building) until receiving a 2nd negative test 7 days after returning from travel. All residents returning from travel can test for free at the Sitka airport and receive a coupon for a 2nd test **that should be done 7 days after returning**. 10 day quarantine required if there is no testing completed for a staff or student.

*Example – student arrives back in Sitka on Sunday night – the student would be virtual the next week and test on the following Sunday and could return to in person learning once that 2nd negative is received.

*All **fully vaccinated staff and students** (fully vaccinated mean that the staff or student has received both COVID-19 vaccinations and the travel is taking place two weeks after the 2nd dose has been administered) are not required to quarantine after out of state travel. Fully vaccinated staff and student are **still recommended to test** at the airport upon arrival back in Sitka.

In-State Travel - no quarantine or strict social distancing required – testing highly recommended*

As of 3/04/2021, all staff and students traveling in the State of Alaska are not required to quarantine or follow strict social distancing measures. Testing at the airport upon arriving back into Sitka is highly recommended for all travelers.



Where to send test results:

Staff should send their 2nd negative test result to Chris Voron at voronc@sitkaschools.org

Students should have their 2nd negative test result sent to the building principal

Here's what these travelers need to do to practice **strict social distancing** after returning to Sitka – **this should be followed by all unvaccinated staff and students after out of state travel for more than 72 hours***:

- You may be in an outdoor public place, but stay six feet away from anyone not in your immediate household and wear a face covering.
- You may arrange curbside shopping or have food delivery.
- 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.

If a staff member or student **have already tested positive and completed their 10 day isolation protocol** and need to travel in the next 90 days, complete the form below from public health to turn into your supervisor or building.

For release from isolation:

http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/SiteAssets/Pages/HumanCoV/COVID%20Notice%20of%20Release%20From%20Isolation%20Letter_fillable.pdf

Questions about COVID travel protocols?

Contact the district office at 747-8622 or email Chris Voron at voronc@sitkaschools.org