



ALASKA TRAVEL FAQ'S

Have we moved to a new Phase?

No, we are still in Phase 3/4 of the Reopening Alaska Responsibly Plan.

What should I do before I travel?

Advance planning is the best way to ensure a successful trip. There are a few key steps you can take to protect yourself and avoid any unnecessary quarantine at arrival:

1. Get a PCR test 72 hours prior to travel and provide proof of the negative test result with your Declaration Form.
2. Read the educational materials provided with the Traveler Declaration Form <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>
3. Protect your trip from unforeseen expenses by having medical and travel insurance.
4. Limit interactions in public to avoid exposure and maximize protective precautions (such as mask wearing) prior to your planned travel.
5. Have a plan in place if you get sick while in Alaska, if you test positive when you get here, or if you sit nearby someone who tests positive and you need to be put into a 14 day quarantine, as you will be unable to fly back if you need to be in isolation or quarantine until you are cleared by health officials. If you are asymptomatic, you will need to wait at least 10 days since your last positive result, or have two negative tests 24 hours apart, according to [CDC guidelines](#). The duration of quarantine is 14 days since the last close contact to a confirmed case.
6. Set up what you can beforehand such as getting your fishing license etc.

What should I do when I arrive?

1. Have your completed Declaration Form printed or electronically available, along with your PCR test results (if applicable). Paper copies will be available at your arrival location.

2. When you arrive, follow directions for turning in or showing your form and check in for your optional entry point testing. You will also receive a voucher for future testing.
3. If you do not already have a PCR test result, proceed directly to your quarantine location and remain there for 14 days or until you receive your negative results from the entry point test.

I am already doing the 14-day quarantine. Is my quarantine over on June 6?

You are not automatically finished with quarantine. You must quarantine until you receive a negative test result, or the 14-day quarantine is over. If you receive a negative result, you may continue about your trip with limited interactions pending results of a second test (to be taken within 7-14 days after arrival) and following the guidelines of the community you are visiting. If you have a positive test, then you will have to self-isolate, which will be at your own expense.

Please review the traveler's website (available at: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>)

Will this be a rapid test?

We are using a PCR swab test. Depending on the location and available resources, some test results may be rapid while others may take up to 72 hours.

Am I guaranteed a test upon arrival?

No. If you travel to Alaska without a prior test you are traveling at your own risk. Although the state continues to expand testing capacity, testing for travelers coming from outside of Alaska is subject to availability.

For this reason, travelers are strongly encouraged to obtain a test prior to travel and/or have a contingency plan that includes completing a 14-day quarantine if the state is unable to provide a test at arrival.

Is this requirement only for air travel?

No. Every traveler coming into Alaska from another state or country, regardless of how they travel, must complete the

mandatory Declaration Form and follow all requirements of Mandate 10.

Will there be testing 24/7 at the airports?

The state is making every effort to match the flight with testing capacity, regardless of when the flight comes in. Although the state continues to expand testing capacity, testing for travelers coming from outside of Alaska is subject to availability.

How long will it take to get test results?

Depending on the location and testing capacity, it could be anywhere from a few hours to a few days.

Is testing mandatory?

No, you can complete a 14-day quarantine instead.

What does the voucher mean?

Receiving this voucher does not mean that you are required to complete a second test. However, it is strongly recommended that you use the voucher to be tested between 7-14 days after arrival.

The voucher will offset the cost of the test if not covered by insurance.

What do I need to do if I choose the 14-day quarantine option?

You need to complete the mandatory Declaration Form and choose the quarantine option, listing the information for your quarantine location. When you arrive at your destination, you should give this form or show the completed electronic version to the screener, who will also provide you with a testing voucher valid for 7-14 days after you arrive (in case you later decide to opt for testing).

Can I provide an antibody/serology test result instead of a PCR test result?

No. You must provide proof of a PCR swab test result with your Declaration Form. No other type of test is acceptable.

I can't get a test result within 72 hours of departure. What are my options?

Getting a PCR test within 72 hours prior to departure and showing that negative result is the fastest and safest way to ensure your ability to explore Alaska right away. If your test results aren't in before you depart, you can quarantine at arrival until the results arrive. Once you provide the results to the state, your quarantine is over.

The State of Alaska will accept results from tests taken up to five days prior to departure, but you will be required to take a second test when you arrive and to minimize your interactions until you receive the results (you will not be under quarantine).

If you can't get a test at all before you depart, you have two options: you may quarantine for 14 days, or you may be able to test upon arrival and quarantine, at your own expense, until your results come back showing you are negative. After that result, you must minimize interactions until a second test also comes back negative (between 7-14 days after arrival).

I am an Alaska resident and need to take a short trip out of state. What do I have to do?

If you are an Alaska resident traveling out of state and your trip is five days or less:

1. You are not required to test before departure or return to Alaska, although it is advised for the protection of others.
2. Upon returning to Alaska, residents must either:
 - a. Self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival, with no requirement for testing;OR
 - b. Receive a PCR test upon arrival in Alaska. The resident must obtain a second PCR test between 7-14 days after arrival, and minimize interactions until the result from the second test shows the resident is negative for COVID-19.

If you are an Alaska resident travelling out of state and your trip is six days or more, you should follow the procedures outlined for travelers visiting the state.

Please remember that each state and locality may have different travel restrictions, so please check before leaving Alaska so that you are prepared.

Can I take the test, travel, and then just quarantine until my results come in?

Yes, as long as you can provide proof of a negative test result, you will be released from quarantine requirements when you provide that to the state.

However, please prepare for the possibility that your test might come back positive for the virus. If that happens, you will have to isolate at your own expense, and will not be able to leave Alaska until you are cleared by a public health nurse.

What happens if I test positive after I arrive?

You will be required to isolate at your own expense for 14 days, or until you are cleared by a public health nurse after receiving a subsequent negative test. You will not be able to fly unless cleared by public health.

Will Alaska provide me housing if I test positive when I arrive?

No. Each traveler will be responsible for their own expenses while isolating. This includes the cost of food and lodging. We strongly encourage travelers to obtain a test prior to travel to reduce the possibility of this occurring.

Will Alaska provide me housing if I become exposed to someone with COVID-19 on the airplane or after I arrive in Alaska and I need to be placed in quarantine for 14 days?

No. Each traveler will be responsible for their own expenses while in quarantine, which lasts 14 days after the most recent exposure took place. This includes the cost of food and lodging.

Are there protocols for time-sensitive travel for safety personnel such as fire, EMS, and police?

Yes. In cases where the timeliness of travel affects life/health/safety of Alaskans, these personnel are permitted to travel to their final destination and begin work immediately without quarantine pending test results. This is consistent with II(c) of Mandate 10 and the Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order (formerly Attachment A).

Do essential services/critical infrastructure workers and those working for companies with plans on file with the state have to produce any documentation?

Every traveler, including essential services/critical infrastructure workers, must submit the mandatory Declaration Form. There is no need to produce the company's protective plan.

Where can I quarantine while I wait for results, or during my 14-day quarantine?

You can quarantine in any lodging where you can physically separate yourself from other individuals for the length of quarantine. This includes hotels, lodges, cabins, or residences where you have space separate from the other people in the residence.

Remember that under quarantine, you cannot have contact with anyone other than medical providers in cases of medical necessity.

Can I quarantine in an RV/camper?

Mandate 10 requires you to submit a declaration of your quarantine destination, where you must remain for 14 days.

Quarantine "on the move" is not allowed. You may not leave quarantine except for medical care – traveling in an RV or other vehicle would require stops to refuel, etc. and involve interactions with the public and touching communal objects.

However, if you are able to provide the address of your RV, and you can stay in one location for 14 days without interacting with anyone or leaving your quarantine residence for any reason other than medical, you can complete quarantine in your RV.

I have a trip with layovers, different methods of transportation, or stops. Do I have to quarantine for 14 days at each stop?

When travel consists of multi-segment (e.g. flight connections and layovers) or multimodal (e.g. combination of flight and driving) transportation, travelers do not need to quarantine for 14 days at every stop.

If the traveler leaves the airport or stops for a period of time longer than necessary to replenish supplies or fuel, the traveler must comply with quarantine protocols for the duration of the stop or absence from the airport. The traveler does not need to submit a Declaration Form for every such stop during the trip. Travelers should state the final destination, not intermediary destinations.

Transient accommodations, including temporary lodging at the stopover location at a hotel, is permissible. The same applies for those travelers with overnights due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on their journey home.

If I submit the Declaration online, can I skip the paper submission?

You must have a physical copy or electronic proof of the Declaration to provide at your port of entry. Paper forms will be provided if you do not have a printed copy with you.

How will I know who to give my Declaration to?

Instructions will be provided at your arrival destination.

Where can I get tested? Can I go to the airport to get tested?

Testing at the airport is currently available only to arriving travelers. Please visit our testing site locator for other testing locations that accept vouchers.

Do children have to be tested?

Children under the age of two (2) do not need to receive a test to avoid quarantine, but the adults and older children must have a negative PCR test to be released from the 14-day quarantine requirement.



Additional Resources:

US testing locations: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2ec47819f57c40598a4eaf45bf9e0d16>

Alaska testing locations: <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/app/2d92b77bc8044329a1ee3954b063bd8c>