



## **Travel Emergency Order (EO-11)**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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#### **What activities are permissible for travelers and Anchorage residents returning from outside of Alaska who are under restrictions to “minimize in-person contact”?**

Travelers may travel around the municipality with minimized in-person interactions. They may use curbside delivery and pick up services. Travelers must wear face coverings while in the presence of any non-household members.

##### **Hiking? Biking?**

Yes. Taking advantage of Alaska’s wonderful outdoors is permitted, including with minimal interactions to get to the destination or rent or buy equipment.

##### **Fishing charters?**

Yes. Passengers must wear face coverings and bring their own food or drinks. Passengers and crewmembers must not share equipment to the maximum extent possible. Passengers and crewmembers must maintain physical distance to the maximum extent possible. Passengers or crewmembers from the same household do not need to maintain physical distance.

##### **Trains? Buses? Boats? Flightseeing?**

If you have to be in an indoor space, such as taking a short flight or riding in a shuttle to get to your lodge or outdoor activity, then everyone involved should wash their hands thoroughly and must wear a face mask.

#### **What activities are not permissible?**

Travelers may not dine in at restaurants or bars, visit indoor attractions like museums or theaters, or use indoor gyms. Travelers must use curb-side, take-out, or delivery options for their shopping needs.

#### **Where can I stay while under restrictions to minimize in-person interactions?**

You can stay in any lodging where you can physically separate yourself from other individuals for the length of the restriction. This includes hotels, lodges, cabins, or residences where you have space separate from non-household members.

You must inform your hosts that you are under restrictions to minimize in-person interactions.

#### **Can I travel while under restrictions to minimize in-person interactions?**

Yes. You are permitted to travel along the road system within the state provided that you observe restrictions to minimize in-person interactions. You may not travel to remote off-road-system towns and villages unless for a critical personal or employment need. You should also contact that village or town before you make travel arrangements as they may have additional travel restrictions in place.

**Can I travel via airplanes while in minimize in-person interaction status? (Example, someone flies in and spends a couple of days in Anchorage, then flies to Fairbanks.)**

Yes, you may arrive in or leave Anchorage via plane while in minimized in-person interaction status. EO-11 does not require you to remain in Anchorage for the full 14 days, but only dictates what you may do when here.

**Can I attend a private indoor event such as a wedding or funeral while under restrictions to minimize in-person interactions?**

No.

**Can I attend a private outdoor event such as a wedding or funeral while under “minimizing in-person interaction”?**

No. You must postpone attending gatherings until you are released from these restrictions by a second test seven days after your arrival in Anchorage or with no test after 14 days.

**How is the order being enforced/what are potential consequences for travelers that violate the order?**

Travelers must disclose to their quarantine status or other restrictions to their lodging.

Under State Law, failure to follow this order is punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both pursuant to Alaska Statute 12.55.035 and Alaska Statute 12.55.135.

Violations may be reported to [investigations@alaska.gov](mailto:investigations@alaska.gov). The State Department of Health and Social Services will treat the sender’s identity as confidential information and protect it to the maximum extent state and federal law permit. Under Anchorage Municipal Code, violations of this emergency order are also subject to criminal prosecution or civil fine.

**Where can I stay while under 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.

You must inform your hosts that you are under quarantine.

**What activities are permitted when I am quarantining?**

While under quarantine you may not leave your residence or temporary residence except to seek medical care. If you need medical attention you should call a medical care provider before leaving your quarantine location. You may not be in public places.

You may use curbside delivery options to get food and supplies you need. You may also consider asking friends or relatives to shop for you and deliver items to your residence without contacting you.

**If I have a yard can I go outside during quarantine?**

Yes. Your yard is not a public place.

**I am quarantining in a hotel or residence without a yard. Can I go outside and walk on the sidewalk?**

If under quarantine, you may go outside if certain precautions are taken, such as wearing a mask to prevent exposure to others and not entering any indoor space except to access your living quarters. You may go for a walk in open, non-crowded outdoor areas with a mask.

**Can I travel in an RV during quarantine?**

If you are under quarantine you may use an RV as your temporary residence. However, you must provide an address where you will be staying in your RV for the duration of your quarantine. You may not change locations.

If you are under restrictions to minimize in-person interactions you may travel in your RV provided that you observe the restrictions.

**Can I quarantine with friends/family or roommates who haven't traveled?**

Yes if you inform them, and your friends/family are willing to take appropriate measures. You and your hosts should practice physical distancing, wash hands frequently and disinfect shared surfaces regularly. The other people in the residence are not considered under quarantine, but should exercise caution and avoid unnecessary public interactions; they may not be permitted into their workplace depending on the policies of that workplace. Please use CDC guidelines on how to prepare your home for COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Preparing-Your-Home-and-Family-for-COVID-19>

**Can I have a friend or relative pick me up from the airport when I am under quarantine?**

Yes. You must maintain physical distance and wear a mask. The person providing transportation is not subject to a quarantine or restrictions to minimize in-person interactions.

**Are tests upon arrival or before I travel to Anchorage mandatory?**

No. You may choose to quarantine for 14 days instead.

**Am I guaranteed a test upon arrival?**

No. If you travel to Anchorage without a prior test you are traveling at your own risk. 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 of Alaska is unable to provide a test at arrival. Additionally, we are aware of wait-times on results from tests at the airport taking 7-8 days in some cases.

**Are tests upon arrival free?**

Travelers will receive vouchers from the State of Alaska for tests administered at the airport and for a test to be taken no earlier than seven days after arrival.

**Is a second test required?**

The State of Alaska notes that you might be required to complete a second test depending on which travel category you fall under. Unless you have completed a 14 day quarantine, you are required to take a second test within 7-14 days of arrival if (1) you took your first test within 72 hours or 5 days before departure or (2) you took your first test after you arrive in Alaska.

With respect to the voucher - receiving a voucher does not mean you are required to use it – the voucher is provided to offset the cost of a test if not covered by insurance.

**When I get results from my second test, where can I send them to confirm that I am allowed to end restrictions to minimize in-person interactions?**

You do not need to send your results to the State of Alaska or the Municipality of Anchorage. You must keep the results with you in order to prove that you may end restrictions to minimize in-person interactions.

**How quickly will test results from tests taken at the airport be available?**

The State of Alaska is responsible for administering tests and has indicated that test results should be available from a few hours to a few days. We are aware of some tests results that have taken 7-8 days for results, and while we hope the response time improves, travelers are responsible to quarantine until their results come in or until 14 days have passed, whichever is sooner.

**Who can I contact to inquire about my test results?**

You can contact [traveler@alaska.gov](mailto:traveler@alaska.gov) to inquire about test results. Tests done at the airport are filled by Capstone Clinic. You can call 907-315-4184 or email [results@capstoneclinic.com](mailto:results@capstoneclinic.com) to inquire about results.

**Can I provide an antibody or serology test upon arrival to avoid quarantine?**

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

**If I have already recovered from COVID-19 what restrictions apply to me?**

If a traveler to Alaska has already recovered from COVID-19 they do not need to present a negative test result upon arrival. Instead, they must: (1) show evidence of previously positive results of a molecular-based test for COVID-19 that occurred at least three weeks prior to arrival in Alaska, (2) be currently asymptomatic, and (3) show a medical provider's note of recovery.

**What if I arrived before June 6<sup>th</sup> and am currently quarantining?**

You must continue your quarantine as you arrived before the mandate was changed and deemed appropriate considering testing supplies and safety.

**Can I go to the airport to get tested?**

Only arriving travelers or travelers wishing to use their voucher may be tested at the airport.

**What if I am an Anchorage resident? Do I still have to follow this order?**

Yes.

**Do I need a test within 72 hours of arriving in Anchorage or departing for Anchorage?**

The COVID-19 test should be administered within 72 hours of your departure for Anchorage.

**Do children need to be tested to avoid quarantine?**

Children over the age of 2 must be tested to avoid quarantine.

**How do I get a test/test voucher if I drive in to the state?**

If you drive into Alaska you should be met by a State of Alaska public health official who can test you and provide traveler health education. The State of Alaska is working to set up this service at border

crossings. Once you arrive in Anchorage you will be under the Municipality's order and must quarantine or minimize in-person interactions based on your testing status.

**What are the requirements for a new employee arriving in Anchorage?**

If the employee works for a critical industry they should contact their employer and follow the criteria outlined in that company's COVID-19 mitigation plan submitted to the State of Alaska. If the employee does not work for a critical industry they must follow travel restrictions outlined in Emergency Order EO-11.

**What if I need to travel outside of the state for work but I am not an employee of a critical industry? What restrictions apply to me?**

If you are not an employee of a critical industry you must follow the travel restrictions in Emergency Order EO-11.

**I am an employee of a critical industry. Do I need to produce any supporting documentation upon arrival?**

No. You must complete the Traveler Declaration Form and mark your status as a critical employee.

**Are tests available if I arrive late at night or early in the morning?**

The State of Alaska is responsible for testing and providing traveler health education. Public health teams are doing their best to meet every flight arriving from outside of Alaska.

**What if I am not able to get tested at the airport? Will I be able to end my quarantine early if I get tested with my voucher after seven days?**

No. To end quarantine early, you need negative tests from two separate testing points.

**What if I am able to get tested within 72 hours of departing for Anchorage but have not received my test results?**

Upon arrival in Anchorage you must quarantine until you receive test results from the test taken before traveling. If you receive negative test results you may end quarantine and minimize in-person interactions until you either take a second test no earlier than 7 days after arrival and are confirmed negative or until 14 days after arrival.

**Where should I send my results if I was not able to show them to public health officials upon arrival?**

You do not need to send these results to the State of Alaska or the Municipality of Anchorage. Keep the results with you to prove that you may end quarantine.

**What if I have a trip with layovers or different methods of transportation? Do I have to quarantine in each place?**

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.

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 purchase supplies or fuel, the traveler must follow travel restrictions 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 layover destinations on the Traveler Declaration Form.

**What will be done with my traveler declaration forms?**

All forms will be collected and provided to Alaska Department of Health and Social Services staff in all locations, and will be secured and stored with DHSS. They will not be given to municipalities or to any local, state or federal law enforcement agencies.

If in the future a misdemeanor criminal investigation is ongoing, law enforcement will request specific documentation (evidence) from the department, which will be processed in the customary way documentation is provided during criminal investigations, ensuring protocols for chain of custody are applied.

**If my co-parent flies to Anchorage to drop off our children, do they need to quarantine?**

If the coparent does not need to leave the airport, they do not need to stay to quarantine. If the coparent does leave the airport, they must quarantine for the duration of the stay, even if it is overnight. The parents must file a Declaration Form for the child(ren), who must follow the restrictions in EO-11.

**Can children have visitation with a parent who is under quarantine?**

Yes. The parent remains under quarantine, but the child(ren) may stay with the parent at the quarantine location.

The children and other parent are not required to quarantine after the visitation, but are strongly advised to limit public interaction for 14 days after the visit and keep a log of activity to assist with any potential contact tracing efforts. It is highly recommended to avoid this situation by talking with your co-parent about the health and safety of the children and others that you may come in contact with.

**What if I test positive upon arrival or during my trip or am in contact with someone who does? Will I be provided housing?**

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.

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. The duration of quarantine is 14 days since the last close contact to a confirmed case.

**What should I do when I arrive?**

1. Have your completed [Declaration Form](#) printed or electronically available, along with your PCR test results or other COVID-19 documentation. Paper copies of the form 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 a test to be taken no earlier than seven days after arrival.

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.

**What should I do before I travel to Anchorage?**

1. Consider getting a PCR test 72 hours prior to departure to provide proof of the test or negative test result with your Traveler Declaration Form.
2. Read [Emergency Order EO-11](#) and this FAQ.
3. Limit interactions in public to avoid exposure and maximize protective precautions (such as wearing a face covering in public places) prior to traveling.
4. Have a plan in place if you get sick while in Anchorage, if you test positive when you get here, or if you have contact with someone who tests positive and you need to quarantine.