

Status of Alaska Statewide Tourism Industry Due to COVID-19

Updated on May 28th, 2020

NEW: Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan – Phases 3 & 4

Please click [here](#) for information on the Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan.

As of Friday May 22nd, the State of Alaska will move into phases 3 & 4 of the Open Alaska Responsibly Plan. This will allow:

- Opening of all businesses
- Opening of all houses of worship
- Opening of all libraries and museums
- Opening of all recreational activities
- Opening of all sports activities

Some restrictions will remain in place including:

- Current 14-day quarantine for all out of state travelers coming into Alaska. To be reevaluated on June 2nd.
- Senior care facilities, correctional institutions, as well as other institutes will continue to have restricted access.
- Any large public gatherings such as concerts and festivals need to consult with local government and health officials before moving forward.
- Some communities may still implement current travel restrictions.
- Health mandates 17 & 18 remain in effect.

[Alaska Statewide COVID-19 Health Mandate issued by Governor Mike Dunleavy](#)

CURRENT State of Alaska Health Mandates Related to the Alaska Tourism Industry

Health Mandate 10- UPDATED- [International and Interstate Travel – Order for Self-Quarantine](#)

Health Mandate 14- [Non-Congregate Sheltering Order](#)

Health Mandate 17- UPDATED- [Protective Measures for Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels](#)

Health Mandate 18- [Intrastate Travel](#)

EXPIRED OR SUSPENDED State of Alaska Health Mandates Related to the Alaska Tourism Industry

Health Mandate 2- [State Libraries, Archives, Museums & Residential Schools](#)

Health Mandate 3- [Statewide Closure Restaurants, Bars, Entertainment](#)

Health Mandate 4- [Travel](#)

Health Mandate 9- [Personal Care Services and Gatherings](#)

Health Mandate 11- [Social Distancing](#)

Health Mandate 12- [Intrastate Travel – Limiting travel between communities to critical infrastructure or critical personal needs.](#)

Health Mandate 16- [Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan](#) (Phases 1 & 2)

State of Alaska FAQ

For a list of frequently asked questions and answers regarding State of Alaska Health Mandates please click [here](#).

Cruise Industry Updates

- [Cruise Lines International Association \(CLIA\) ships](#) have suspended operations indefinitely.
- [Canada](#) closed all ports to cruise ships of over 12 passengers (500 passengers originally) through June 30th, 2020.
- [Port of Seattle](#) has closed Port to cruise ships “indefinitely”, and now expects the launch of the cruise season will be delayed until the resolution of the public health emergency.
- [Princess Cruises & Holland America Line](#) cancelled all remaining sailings, including Alaska, through fall 2020.
- [Holland America Line and Seabourn Cruise Line](#) has cancelled all 2020 Land+Sea Journeys.
- [Seabourn Cruises](#) has cancelled all remaining sailings, including Alaska, through fall 2020.
- [Ponant Cruises](#) has cancelled 2020 Alaska sailing season.
- [UnCruise Adventures](#) has suspended Alaska ship sailings until July 10th, 2020 (last update was June 26th, 2020)
- [Carnival Cruise Lines](#) has cancelled all ship sailings from San Francisco. Have also cancelled all Alaska sailings for the *Carnival Spirit* & *Carnival Miracle* (originally The *Carnival Spirit* was scheduled to sail from Seattle beginning in July.)
- [RCL](#) has released their revised sailing schedule and have cancelled all sailings through July 31st, 2020.
- [Celebrity](#) has cancelled all sailings through July 31st, 2020.
- [Viking Cruises](#) has suspended operations through June 30, 2020.
- [Windstar Cruises](#) has cancelled their 2020 Alaska season.
- [Norwegian Cruise Lines](#) cancelled the 2020 Alaska season for *Norwegian Sun* & suspends all sailings through July 31st.
- [Hapag-Lloyd](#) cancelled the *Bremen* 2020 Alaska season.
- [Cunard Line](#) cancelled the *Queen Elizabeth* 2020 Alaska season.
- [The Boat Company](#) cancelled their 2020 Alaska season.
- [Oceania Cruises](#) *Regatta* (NCL) suspends sailings through July 31st, 2020.
- [Regents](#) *Seven Sea's Mariners* (NCL) suspends sailings through July 31st, 2020.
- [American Cruise Lines](#) intends (at this time) to start operating around June 20th, 2020.
- [Lindblad Expeditions](#) (National Geographic) suspends sailings through June 30th, 2020.
- [Disney Cruise Lines](#) suspends Alaska cruises through August 2nd, 2020 (originally June 30th, 2020)
- [Silver Sea Cruises](#) suspends *Silver Muse* sailings through July 15th, 2020 & cancels all Alaska sailings for *Silver Explorer* for 2020 season.
- [Hurtigruten](#) cancels 2020 Alaska season.
- [Alaskan Dream Cruises](#) suspends sailings through June 30, 2020.
- [Scenic Group](#) (Scenic, Evergreen, Emerald & Mayflower brands) have suspended all worldwide river cruising & land touring scheduled to operate to August 31st, 2020 & our Scenic Eclipse cruising until September 30th, 2020.
- Overall approx. 556 voyages have been cancelled this season. That is approx. 1,088,496 cancelled passengers to Alaska this season. CLIAA's 2020 cruise ship schedule is available [here](#).

Aviation Industry Updates

- **Air Canada and Eurowings** will not be coming to Anchorage for summer, 2020. They intend to return summer 2021.
- **Allegiant** will not be coming summer, 2020 to Anchorage.
- **Sun Country** is delaying their start of Anchorage service until mid-June.
- **Alaska Airlines:** updated flying schedules_
<https://www.alaskaair.com/content/advisories/coronavirus>
<https://www.alaskaair.com/content/advisories/travel-advisories#alaska>
- **Delta Airlines:** updated flying schedules <https://news.delta.com/coronavirus-update-changes-our-flying-schedule>
Starting March 25, travelers entering Alaska are subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine in a home or hotel room. To be reevaluated by state on June 2nd.
<https://www.delta.com/us/en/coronavirus-update-center/>
- **Ravn Air:** all operations have been suspended indefinitely and the company has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.
- **Icelandair** cancels Anchorage-Reykjavik nonstop flights for the summer.
- **Condor Air** cancels all flights to Anchorage & Fairbanks for the 2020 summer season.
- **American Airlines** as of May 20th, 2020 has cancelled their new service from Dallas-Fort Worth & Chicago to Fairbanks for the summer.
- **United Airlines** as of May 20th, 2020 has cancelled flights from Denver to Fairbanks for the summer.

Other Industry Updates

Alaska Railroad <https://www.alaskarailroad.com/>

Effective May 18th, the Alaska Railroad is extending the following temporary operational changes for regularly scheduled passenger operations:

- **Denali Star-Hurricane HYBRID Train:** now a HYBRID train combining the Denali Star & Hurricane Train Routes. Daily scheduled service for the Denali Star-Hurricane Hybrid NB Train begins July 1, 2020 through September 12th, 2020 & SB July 2, 2020 through September 13th, 2020. Please note the Curry Jet Boat Adventure by Rail and Flagstop Rail & Raft Hurricane trips are tbd.
- **Hurricane Turn Train:** will **not** be operating daily roundtrip service between Talkeetna - Hurricane this summer. Now a HYBRID train route with the Denali Star Train.
- **Coastal Classic Train:** daily scheduled service begins July 1, 2020 through September 13th, 2020.
- **Glacier Discovery Train:** daily scheduled service begins July 3, 2020 through September 7th, 2020.
- **Aurora Winter Train 2020/2021:** will begin operating NB on September 19th, 2020 and SB on September 20th, 2020.

Alaska State Fair

The [Alaska State Fair](#) has been cancelled for 2020.

Travel Trade Updates

- **Go West Summit**, a domestic-based travel trade show attended by international tour operators and travel agents was scheduled to be held in Portland, Oregon March 24-27, 2020 and has been rescheduled to August 31-Sep. 3, 2020. <https://www.gowestsummit.com/>
- **ITB Berlin** in Germany, one of the largest international travel trade shows in the world with 10,000 exhibitors from 180 countries, has been cancelled for 2020. <https://www.itb-berlin.com/>
- **SeaTrade Cruise Global** in Miami, Florida, a major B2B event for the global cruise industry, has been postponed. The event was originally scheduled for April. <https://www.seatradecruiseglobal.com/en/tools/travel---health.html>
- **ATIA's New York Media Event**, has been postponed.