

The City of Unalakleet, Native Village of Unalakleet, and the Unalakleet Native Corporation met on August 18th, 2020, and have changed the Unalakleet's Travel Ban to Unalakleet's COVID Response, effective August 28th, 2020. The Travel Committee will be dissolved and will no longer approve or deny travel forms.

Unalakleet's COVID Response

All travelers (by air, land or water) into Unalakleet must follow the Unalakleet COVID Response guidelines. The City of Unalakleet, the Native Village of Unalakleet and the Unalakleet Native Corporation have agreed to follow the State of Alaska issued Mandate 018. Our local travel restrictions could become more strict if our quarantine rules are not followed, if there is community spread transmission or an outbreak occurs.

All incoming travelers must:

- a) Complete a Unalakleet Travel Request Form. Printed forms are available for pick up at the AC & UNC stores and the Post Office. They are also available for download online at the City of Unalakleet website (cityofunalakleet.org), Unalakleet Travel Information Facebook page or the NVU website (nativevillageofunalakleet.org). Completed forms can be dropped off in an envelope at the UPD doors (BEFORE TRAVEL, NOT AFTER) or emailed to travelunkpoc@gmail.com. Please call or text 907-310-1713 to let us know if you've dropped one off. Failure or refusal to fill out a Unalakleet Travel Request Form may result in a municipal infraction and attendant fine of up to \$500.
- b) Failure to follow through on requirements of a signed Unalakleet Travel Request Form may result in a municipal infraction.

Information: The most recent cases of COVID-19 in Unalakleet are travel related. The Unalakleet Travel Request Form is designed to protect our community, families, friends, and co-workers from the COVID-19 virus. The Unalakleet COVID Response team's efforts intend to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

If you have any questions, please contact our Travel Coordinator at 907-310-1713.

2. All travelers (departing from Anchorage, direct or thru Nome and private charters arriving from outside the Norton Sound region), 12 years of age and older, must get a COVID-19 test done within 72 hours of traveling into Unalakleet and provide proof of a negative result. Note: Ryan Air requires a negative test result for COVID-19 is required before boarding. It's advised to check the airlines' travel requirements prior to travel. All travelers within the Norton Sound are recommended to test within 72 hours of traveling into Unalakleet and provide proof of a negative result. All travelers (by air, land or water) into Unalakleet are required to quarantine regardless of where they are traveling from.

3. Upon Arrival into Unalakleet, incoming travelers will go directly and immediately into quarantine. If you are quarantining in a household with multiple people, the entire household is required to quarantine. Failure to follow through on quarantine requirements will result in a municipal infraction.

4. Quarantine lasts for 14 days. You may test out of quarantine with a 2nd negative test 7 days after arrival into Unalakleet (the 1st test for the 7-day quarantine option needs to be done before arriving into Unalakleet). Please keep in mind the clinic in Unalakleet MAY or MAY NOT have rapid tests available to test out of quarantine. If a send-out test is used, the household must continue to quarantine until proof of a negative test result is received by the Travel Coordinator Be prepared for a 14-day quarantine. As of 08/11/2020, NSHC will only be testing patients who are symptomatic or have a dental/pre-op appointment. They will not be rapid testing people 7 days after arrival until more testing supplies become available.

Note: Quarantine involves staying at home as much as possible, no visiting other households and accepting visitors into the quarantined home, and staying at least 6 feet away from other people in your household. No going to the stores, gas stations, post office, and/or any other public buildings. (Both A.C. and UNC offer delivery. A.C. Co phone number is 624-3272 and UNC Grocery is 624-3300.)

You and your kids shouldn't be riding around (in vehicles or on separate 4 wheelers/motorcycles/boat/snowmachines) with others not in your quarantine household. Please practice using standard hygiene procedures; washing hands, not sharing drinkware and eating utensils. Please remember quarantine and social distancing are NOT the same thing. Social distancing is intentionally increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Stay at least six feet away from other people. Wear a cloth face covering when social distancing can't be practiced.

Fines for not adhering to the mandatory 14-day quarantine, or 7-day testing with quarantine while waiting for results, will now be issued without a warning: Travelers that do not adhere to their signed agreement of a mandatory quarantine will be issued a: 1st fine of \$250 2nd fine of \$500 3rd fine of \$750 4th fine of \$1000.

The Unalakleet Tri Org recommends posting a quarantine sign on your outside entry door of the quarantine house.

You can go out into the country with the family you are in quarantine with. Please avoid highly visited areas, such as the North River bridge. If you choose to picnic on the beach, picnic with your quarantined family only.

6. Thru travelers. Those travelers that are connecting thru Unalakleet (from Anchorage), still must be tested before boarding a plane departing for Unalakleet and fill out a travel form. They must not leave the airport upon arriving into Unalakleet. If the weather does not permit you to fly

to your final destination, a back plan must be provided before travel with a quarantine location and that location must be aware that after you leave, they will still be on quarantine.

To provide further safety for the community:

- If you test positive for COVID-19 in Unalakleet, you will go directly into isolation. People who are in isolation need to stay home. In the home, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific “sick room” or area and use a separate bathroom (if available). We may have isolation locations available if you can't isolate in your home. Do not leave your isolation location until you are cleared to come out of isolation. To be cleared from isolation, NSHC will give a letter to be reviewed by the Unalakleet COVID Task Force.
- Essential workers, if your employer requires you to work while on quarantine, you should be wearing a mask, working alone when possible, and not in close contact with others. You should not be going to the stores, gas stations, post office, and/or any other public buildings. Your household is still considered to be on quarantine if you are doing an essential job.
- A Face Covering Mandate was issued Monday, August 3rd, and will remain in effect until further notice. Face coverings are required in all indoor public places. Failure to follow through on the Face Covering requirements may result in a municipal infraction.
- Visitors. If you visit a home on quarantine or quarantine/isolation location, you are putting yourself and your household into quarantine starting from the day you visited. Visiting someone on quarantine and then going out into the community puts yourself and the community at risk for spreading the COVID-19 virus. The exception to this would be a Healthcare Provider entering a quarantine location for specific health care related duties while wearing the appropriate PPE gear.