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NOTICE

Alaska “Stay Home and Limitation on Intrastate Travel” Orders

Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy, with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) today issued the State of Alaska’s 11th and 12th COVID-19 Health Mandate to protect the public health of Alaskans and disrupt the spread of the virus.

Mandate 011 requires all persons in Alaska, except for those engaged in essential health care services, public government services, and essential business activities, to remain at their place of residence and practice social distancing. The mandate orders individuals to practice social distancing, orders closure of non-essential businesses, and orders employers to take reasonable precautions. The order is effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00PM and will be reevaluated by April 11, 2020.

Mandate 011 is available at <https://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/03272020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-011.pdf>.

Mandate 012 establishes that all in-state travel between communities, whether resident, worker, or visitor, is prohibited unless travel is to support critical infrastructure; or for critical personal needs. The mandate prohibits personal travel except as necessary to meet critical personal needs or work in critical infrastructure jobs. The order is effective March 28, 2020 at 8:00AM and will be reevaluated by April 11, 2020.

Mandate 012 is available at <https://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/03272020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-012.pdf>.

How does this impact foreign missions and their members?

Foreign missions may continue to perform essential government operations in the state of Alaska. However, all foreign missions are expected to adopt strategies aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, such as maximizing opportunities for their members to work from home (“telework”), applying social distancing of at least six feet, and avoiding local travel unless required for purposes of protecting health, safety, and protection of property.

When not performing those functions, foreign mission personnel and their dependents are expected to fully comply with the requirements of the Governor’s order, as well as any other applicable orders issued by local or municipal authorities.

The Department appreciates your patience and understanding as local authorities begin to implement these new restrictions.

Questions or Issues

Inquiries concerning the impacts of COVID-19 and the associated responsive effort on the operation of foreign missions in the United States should be transmitted by electronic mail to OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov.

Resources

- COVID-19 in Alaska: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>
- CDC’s Coronavirus Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- CDC’s Interim Guidance for Business and Employers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

- Compilation of circular diplomatic notes and notices released by OFM concerning COVID-19: <https://www.state.gov/circular-notes-and-notice-covid-19/>
- Follow OFM on social media: Facebook.com@ofmdc and Twitter @OFM_Ambassador