
University of Alaska COVID-19 policy guidance

Travel Restrictions

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All university employees must follow university guidance, as well as federal, state and local public health advisories, mandates and restrictions, whichever is most restrictive.

Official travel

1. In-state travel

Travel within Alaska for university business is allowed in the following circumstances, with the approval of the president, the appropriate chancellor, or a UA official to whom the president or chancellor has delegated authority in writing:

- a. **Communities on the road system or Alaska Marine Highway system:** Travel must be to and from road system or marine highway communities and must conform to the requirements for such travel under [Health Advisory Number 3: Intrastate Travel](#) and [Health Advisory Number 4: Critical Infrastructure](#).
- b. **Travel off the road system or Alaska Marine Highway system:** Travel must be in support of critical infrastructure activities, as defined in the university's [critical infrastructure work policy](#), must conform to the requirements for such travel under [Health Advisory Number 3: Intrastate Travel](#) and [Health Advisory Number 4: Critical Infrastructure](#), and in the following circumstances:
 - The travel is to uninhabited research areas, originating from communities on the road system or Alaska Marine Highway system, and only to conduct research that cannot be performed remotely.
 - For travel to communities off the road system or Alaska Marine Highway System, the requesting department must propose a plan to avoid the spread of COVID-19 and to avoid endangering lives in the community(ies). Such a plan must be approved by the relevant chancellor or the president. The requesting department must consult with the governing body of the destination community(ies) on any travel restrictions applicable therein, and report on that consultation and incorporate the appropriate safeguards or restrictions as part of the plan.

2. **Travel outside Alaska and inside the U.S.**

Interstate travel can be approved by the president or particular chancellor or a UA official to whom the president or chancellor has delegated authority in writing for critical infrastructure purposes, including to comply with inflexible contractual or research grant commitments or similar necessities. Travel to U.S. destinations outside Alaska for university business will be allowed only under the following conditions:

- a. UA employees must research and be prepared to comply with the travel restrictions in the destination states/municipalities.
- b. Upon entry/re-entry into the State of Alaska, travelers should comply with [Health Advisory Number 2: International and Interstate Travel](#). Employees who are unable to return to campus due to quarantine or strict social distancing requirements must work remotely or take leave.

3. **International travel**

International travel remains prohibited unless approved by the president or appropriate chancellor. Guidance and legal requirements covering more than 200 countries, United States citizens, permanent residents, and non-residents are available from the Center for Disease Control, [U.S. Department of State](#), and the United States President must be reviewed. Such travel will not be approved unless:

- a. All the requirements for interstate travel are met in [Health Advisory Number 2: International and Interstate Travel](#) and federal requirements.
- b. The department making the travel request submits a plan documenting why the travel is necessary to the critical infrastructure of the University, providing information on the state of the pandemic in any destination(s), and detailing special arrangements being made to minimize the risk of infection to the traveler and to the traveler's home and work communities upon return.

Personal travel

University employees and students are encouraged to check local, [state](#), national and international travel restrictions prior to traveling. You will be subject to applicable university [campus entry restrictions](#) and state restrictions when you return. You may also be required to take additional leave.