

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA
ORDINANCE NO. 989

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976, 980 AND 985 AND ADOPTING THE REQUIREMENT OF INTRASTATE TRAVEL TESTING MEASURES

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Wrangell Assembly is committed to minimizing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Wrangell's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a significant increase in cases in Southeast Alaska, including Wrangell's closest neighboring community; and

WHEREAS, Petersburg is experiencing a major outbreak with 60 active cases, 200 outstanding tests, 2 COVID hospitalizations and two COVID medevacs; and

WHEREAS, our populations mix regularly; and

WHEREAS, we recently had a large gathering of residents in Wrangell; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 testing that has been conducted at the Wrangell Airport for the last several months has been successful in alerting the SEARHC/Wrangell Medical Center and Emergency Operations Center to positive cases coming into the community; and

WHEREAS, it is in Wrangell's best interest to continue to provide for the testing of intrastate travelers coming into Wrangell via any mode of transportation (by air or sea) in order to quickly discover and isolate infected persons who come to Wrangell from within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of this Emergency Ordinance are designed to provide the least necessary restrictions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION. This is a non-codified EMERGENCY ORDINANCE provided for in the Home Rule Charter of the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Section 2-11.

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY. The City and Borough of Wrangell Assembly requires that all intrastate travelers arriving into Wrangell via the airport or the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry terminal, by private transportation carrier to the airport or harbors or docks if applicable, or by personal transportation modes to the airport or harbors or docks, be tested prior to or upon arrival, with details as follows:

I. All Travelers Arriving into Wrangell:

- a. Complete a Travel Declaration Form and a Self-Isolation Plan in the Alaska Travel Portal at www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com.
- b. Any person currently positive with COVID-19 cannot travel to Wrangell until they have been released from isolation, or cleared for travel, by a medical provider or public health agency.

II. Alaska resident and non-resident travelers arriving into Wrangell from another community within Alaska must adhere to one of the following options, with special considerations outlined in Section III:

a. Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 with negative results:

The traveler should submit negative test results from a test within 72 hours of departure into the Alaska Travel Portal or have proof of a negative test available to show screeners at the airport upon arrival.

b. Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 without results:

The traveler should submit proof of a test taken within 72 hours of departure into the Alaska Travel Portal or have proof available of having taken a test to show screeners at the airport.

- i. The traveler should follow strict social distancing until test results are available.
- ii. The traveler should upload test results to the Alaska Travel Portal when received, regardless of the test result (it will say negative or positive).
- iii. The traveler should obtain a second test 5-14 days after arrival. If the results of the molecular-based test for SARS CoV2 are **positive**, the traveler must remain in self isolation at their own expense. The traveler must not travel until cleared by State of Alaska Public Health (1-800-478-0084).

c. No pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS CoV2:

If a traveler (aged 11 years or older) arrives without proof of a negative test result, or proof of a test taken within of 72 hours of departure to Wrangell, they must test at the Wrangell Airport.

- i. The traveler should follow strict social distancing until test results are received.
- ii. The traveler should obtain a second test 5-14 days after arrival.

III. Special Considerations

- a. Alaskan residents may elect to not be tested, provided that they strictly self-quarantine, at their own expense, for a period of fourteen (14) days after arrival into Wrangell.
- b. Children 10 years of age and younger are exempt from testing requirements. However, untested children travelling with a parent or guardian should remain in the same status as the parent or guardian.
- c. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply if application would delay or limit emergency travel into Wrangell by Law Enforcement Officers, Healthcare Workers, or personnel from the Office of Children's Services while functioning in their official capacity.

IV. Prior confirmed positive results within 90 days of departure - All Travelers:

- a. The traveler does not need to obtain a test for SARS CoV2, whether immediately before travel or upon arrival, if both of the following conditions are met:
 - i. The traveler provides proof of a previously positive result of a molecular-based test of SARS CoV2 within 90 days of departure; and
 - ii. The traveler is currently asymptomatic.

V. Requirements for Critical Infrastructure Workforce Travel:

Travel into Wrangell by workers in critical infrastructure workforce, as is defined in the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce." must follow the instructions and protocols contained in the employer's Community Workforce Protective Plan on file with the State. If a Plan has not been filed, or if that Plan does not contain protections or protocols for workers traveling into Wrangell from the employer's general work site, workers must follow this ordinance.

VI. Definitions

- a. Self-quarantine:
 - i. Self-quarantine is required while waiting for the results of your first molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2.
 - ii. Comply with all protocols related to your self-quarantine as set forth by your hotel or rented lodging, if applicable.
- b. Strict Social Distancing:
 - i. Strict social distancing is required while you wait for test results.
 - ii. You can be in an outdoor public place, but you should remain six feet away from anyone not in your immediate household, and you should wear a face covering. You should arrange curbside shopping or have food delivery.
 - iii. You should not enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community

centers, office buildings, and school or daycare facilities. Do not participate in any group activities, including sporting events and practices, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings.

- c. Self-Isolation Plan: Every traveler entering the state of Alaska should complete a Self-Isolation Plan within the Alaska Travel Portal. This allows travelers to consider their plan for what they will do if their test results return positive while in Wrangell.
- d. Accepted proof of Alaska residency:
 - i. Alaska driver's license or state-issued ID card.
 - ii. Federally-recognized Alaska tribal identification card.
 - iii. Active duty military ID card or active duty dependent ID card.
 - iv. Employment verification letter on employer letterhead or school verification letter for in-person schooling, stating traveler is moving to Wrangell for employment or school.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATES. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and shall sunset at 11:59pm on April 13, 2021 unless terminated earlier or extended by action of the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA THIS 2nd DAY OF March, 2021.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA


Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, Borough Clerk

