

UNALAKLEET TRAVEL BAN UPDATE – JUNE 4TH, 2020

The City of Unalakleet, Native Village of Unalakleet, and the Unalakleet Native Corporation met on June 4th, 2020, and have updated the travel ban, effective June 8th, 2020.

Unalakleet Travel Ban will Continue to follow the State of Alaska Health Mandate 018: Intrastate Travel for a Community off The Road System Or The Marine Highway System Is Prohibited, Except As Necessary For:

1. Critical Personal Needs
2. Medical
3. Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure

Travel is prohibited whether you are flying (commercially or privately) or boating into Unalakleet from a regional village, Nome, Anchorage or elsewhere. **Unless it is Critical or Essential travel.**

Travelers related to a resident of Unalakleet in the **1st degree (parent, sibling, child)** are allowed to travel to Unalakleet upon approval of the Travel Committee.

A second type of quarantine has also been approved:

Travelers to Unalakleet may test 72 hours before departure to Unalakleet (or upon arrival) if they test negative, they may test 7 days from their date of arrival into Unalakleet. If the test performed is a rapid test and returns a negative result, they will be lifted from the mandatory 14-day quarantine. However, if the test is sent on to the State Laboratory for further evaluation they will remain in quarantine until a definitive negative test has been received. Travelers will make their own arrangements (by appointment) with the Anikkan Clinic (907) 624-3535. Tests will not be given after hours or on weekends at the Anikkan Clinic.

QUARANTINE IS FOR THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD

Quarantine:

- Practice standard hygiene, washing hands frequently.
- Not sharing things like towels and utensils.
- Staying at home as much as possible.
- Not having visitors, no visiting other homes 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.
- You can go out into the country with the family you are in quarantining 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. Both A.C. and UNC offer delivery. A.C. co phone number is 624-3272 and UNC Grocery is 624-3300. Also, you can facebook message the Unalakleet Joint Response team and they can dispatch someone to go and shop for you.

Quarantining and Social distancing are **NOT** the same thing. Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least six feet away from other people. Wear a cloth face covering where social distancing cannot be practiced.

Fines for not adhering to the mandatory 14 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 \$1,000.00

All travelers into Unalakleet must contact the Travel Administrator at (907) 310-1713 or via email: travelunkpoc@unkira.org to obtain a travel authorization. You will not be allowed to travel into Unalakleet without an approved authorization.

We are aware of the increased private flights at the airport and policies for aircraft landing and using the services of the WCC and Ryan Air terminals will also be posted along with policies for boat travel into the community. Please remember that when you arrive in Unalakleet and are traveling through, you may not enter the community. Have your food/supplies delivered to you at the airport or City Dock. This includes inter-village travel from our region.

We also have some FAQs about quarantine that will be sent to the community. We realize that everyone will need to take part in subsistence activities. Please physically distance from other households, travel with household members and be safe.

These measures are to protect our community from the virus which travels with people and not by itself. We have seen the rise in cases in Anchorage now that the State of Alaska is opening up travel and businesses. We understand that it is a concerning time for our community members and traveler's but we are trying to prevent a new virus that has no cure or vaccination at this time from entering our community. Our villages have a history of losing many community members due to illnesses and viruses.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.