

SAVOONGA TRAVEL BAN-this ban supersedes the previous ban from February 25, 2021.

With the intent of providing for health, welfare, and safety to all residents of Savoonga, the Native Village of Savoonga, Kukulget Inc., and the City of Savoonga hereby issue this joint statement regarding mandatory rules aimed at preventing the introduction or spread of COVID-19 within our community.

Effective: April 14, 2021

There will be no airline passengers allowed inside the community of Savoonga until April 30, 2021, unless with prior approval from local LEADERSHIP. Residents who travel to Nome, Anchorage or elsewhere will be required to quarantine in Savoonga for seven (7) full days in their home or a designated facility provided by the Native Village of Savoonga & the City of Savoonga, if you are unable to isolate in-home. Unless it's been 2 weeks after 2nd dose of vaccine.

Information regarding isolation/quarantine/exceptions for local events (2c)

- 1. Required COVID-19 testing on day 1 of return to Savoonga: If you are returning from Nome, there is a testing at the public works building elementary that is available for you to get tested. If you are returning from Anchorage, the testing tent team meets the Alaska Airlines jet outside of the Alaska Airlines terminal in Nome. Please be sure to get tested there.**
- 2. Required COVID-19 testing on day 7 of return to Savoonga: Please call the clinic ahead of time to schedule a COVID-19 test to come out of quarantine. If negative, you will have completed your required quarantine time; however, all residents should be practicing continued social distancing (remaining 6 feet apart, wear masks, no visiting other homes or allowing visitors in your home). We also strongly recommend that you test on day 14.**
 - a. Family Emergency Exception: In the event of a family emergency (death of a family member, comfort care, or any other dire emergency) travelers who arrive in Savoonga that are here for such an emergency will not be subject to quarantine as long as they show proof of a negative test result upon arrival and take another test upon arrival; however they will not be permitted to enter any public building, with the exception of the Church in the matter when a funeral will take place as long as they wear a mask & will be socially distant from others except for family members.**
 - b. Individuals who were fully vaccinated 14 days after to their last dose will not be required to quarantine as long as they take a COVID-19 test upon arrival and another test on day 7. They are also recommended to take another test on day 14.**
 - c. This exception for local events will follow all of CDC recommendations and show proof of 2 week and beyond 2nd shot of vaccination, in order to pass for events.**
- 3. If you are quarantining in a facility provided by the Native Village of Savoonga or the City of Savoonga you cannot mingle with others that are staying in the building with you; which means no "hanging out" in the living areas, no cooking together, etc.**
- 4. If you have to quarantine/isolate in your own home, you will need your own room & no contact with others in the home. You will need to wipe bathroom &/or kitchen after each use. Your household will not be required to quarantine with you as long as that is being abided by. This is for your household's safety.**

5. **School Activities Student Travel As amended:** In order to allow our school teams to travel as well as compete locally, Bering Straits School District athletic teams will not be required to quarantine in Savoonga so long as they strictly follow District and Local guidelines including (but not limited to):
- a. Inter-village travel will only occur between 'Green' BSSD communities, with no community spread.
 - b. Travel will be via District plane or charter to eliminate non-team contact.
 - c. Limit stay to under 24 hours (1 night game, 1 morning game)
 - d. No audience allowed.
 - e. Stay isolated in designated areas at the school (no visiting or going to the stores)
 - f. Teams and referees test at least a day before the game and no more than 72 hours prior.
 - g. Students and coaches that have traveled test on day 7 & 14 of returning home.
 - h. Follow all local social distancing mandates.
 - i. Administrators and Coach are 100% responsible and accountable for their teams.

Inter-village travel by air, snow machine, ATV, or boat, will only be permitted, with proof of full vaccination. Starting today April 14, 2021. This includes for residents from Savoonga who are currently residing in Gambell, travel will only be permitted between the two villages for fully vaccinated individuals. This being with the exception of emergency dental patients coming in from Gambell; such patients will need a written emergency approval from their Health Aide or PA & a negative COVID-19 test result. For emergencies, please call the Savoonga Police Department to (907)984-6011. From Gambell, if not fully vaccinated they will need to quarantine 1 week with a negative rapid test result. This includes traveling from Savoonga to Gambell & back. Also implies if they made contact with any persons from Gambell at a camp without social distancing or wearing a mask.

The following are exceptions to the travel ban: For non-resident essential personal

1. Essential personnel for emergencies (i.e. electricity (AVEC, BSRHA), communications (GCI/UUI etc.), water & sewer repairs (ARUC, BSRHA, NSHC), police, State Troopers, pilots, OCS, FAA, State of Alaska DOT, or P/F) with a screening by the travel committee consisting of NVS, COS, & K Inc. elected members or healthcare provider.
 - a. These essential personnel must minimize their social output as much as possible during and outside of their job duties.
 - b. Troopers, police, and OCS employees will adhere to their agency's safety guidelines for entering our community.
 - c. Essential personnel must show proof of a negative COVID-19 test result prior to & upon arrival.
2. Essential medical travel and freight:
 - a. NSHC will need to get important medical supplies in & out of Savoonga
 - b. Patients will need to travel in & out of Savoonga.

- c. NSHC medical providers will need to travel in & out of Nome; however, all NSHC medical providers must go through 1 week quarantine prior to coming to Savoonga.
 - d. Show negative COVID-19 test results.
3. **AS AMENDED: Local Health Clinic Staff, essential Personnel**
- a. Local Health Care Providers (Savoonga Clinic Staff) must have negative COVID-19 test results upon arrival and report to work at the minimum of three (3) days and minimize social output as much as possible for at least seven (7) days. Employees will also need regular COVID-19 testing per NSHC policy.
 - b. All local services personnel quarantine minimum of seven (7) days with a negative COVID-19 test result (UNLESS FULLY VACCINATED); includes Postal workers, Savoonga Native Store employees, Water Plant Operators, Power Plant Operators, GCI/UUI Employees, Heavy Equipment Operators and all entity employees and elected officials.
4. **AS AMENDED: Essential Personnel from Nome will also need to test negative before coming to Savoonga & will be required to get a COVID-19 test done while in the community. They will need to distance themselves from local hires, wear masks, & isolate themselves from other community residents. Their travel will be permitted only if deemed absolutely necessary.**
5. Freight, cargo, and mail services are still permitted.
6. City of Savoonga Emergency Ordinance (i.e. curfew, fine(s), contact person, masks are requirement in all public locations)
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7. **Identified for designated building for isolation/quarantine:**
- a. NVS Lodge: can house 6
 - b. City Lodge: can house 3 or 4
 - c. NVS Annex: can house 2 or 3
 - d. Presbyterian Church: can house 6
 - e. Seventh Day Adventist Church: can house 2 or 3
 - f. School: last resort
 - g. Kukulget Inc. offices: can house 2
 - h. Savoonga NSHC Duplex Unit 1-can house 2, but will be utilized for Health Aides that potentially may need to isolate/quarantine themselves.
- Added on December 14, 2020:
- Gambell travelers will need to quarantine 1 week here with a negative rapid test result (UNLESS FULLY VACCINATED)
 - Out of State travelers need to follow the State of Alaska's mandate when traveling.

Flight crews are asked to stay in or around aircraft if possible. However, they may conduct any necessary business required by their job or use the bathroom if needed.

The Savoonga Tri-Entities want to express their appreciation to all members of the community and to all the non-residents and asks for your full support & cooperation as we move forward together. We understand that we cannot fully control the situation or anticipate all the unique situations and circumstances brought on by the pandemic that may arise. However, we have moved in good faith to put protections in place to further protect our community members to the greatest extent possible.

If you would like to stay up to date with COVID-19 information, NSHC has a teleconference Tuesday-Thursday starting at 11:00 am. The call in number is 1-800-315-6338 passcode: 03286#

COVID-19 testing is available at the local Savoonga Clinic. It is by appointment only at this time & you can call the appointment desk to (907)984-6756 to schedule a test anywhere from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Members of the community are encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 at least once a month; more frequent if you have traveled out of town or may have come in to contact with someone that tested positive.