

ALASKA – COVID-19 – Back to Business

Health Mandates and Standards - updated through Phase III/IV

Health Mandates: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>

Reopen Alaska Responsibly: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/reopen/>

Phase III/IV General Guidance: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/05192020-Alaskas-Plan-Forward-Final.pdf>

Phase III/IV Detailed Guidance: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/05212020-Phase-III-IV-Guidance.pdf>

GENERAL TOPIC	SUMMARY	SECTION #
Effective Period	Various effective periods for different orders	
General	Starting 3/21/20, most nonessential business operations were restricted by various Health Mandates. Business reopenings were implemented in phases: Phase I was effective 4/24/20; Phase II was effective 5/8/20; Phase III/IV was effective 5/22/20. Effective 12/16/20, various “outbreak” orders have been adopted. See Health Mandates for updates. [Contact H&K for more detailed summaries of prior orders, now expired].	Health Mandates 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16 (expired) Phase III/IV Guidance
Shelter in Place	Stay at home order was implemented by Mandate 11, effective 3/28/20. This has expired and is no longer in effect.	
Businesses openings in phases	Phase I – Many businesses were allowed to reopen, subject to capacity restrictions and other requirements. Phase 2 – Additional businesses added, and restrictions reduced. Phase 3/4 - Generally, all businesses are open in Phase III/IV, subject to guidance. All senior centers, prisons, and institutions will continue to have restricted access. Any proposed large public gatherings such as festivals and concerts need to consult first with public health before scheduling	
Restaurants/Bars	Phase 1 and 2– Restaurants (and then bars) allowed to reopen subject to capacity limits and certain restrictions Phase 3/4 - Restaurants/bars allowed to reopen effective 5/22/20. See Phase III/IV Guidance.	Mandate 16 (expired)

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Personal Care Businesses	Phase 1 - Personal care businesses, including hair salons, barber shops, tattoo shops, tanning facilities and massage therapy, were required to close under Mandates 7 and 9, starting 3/21/20. Phase 2 – Permitted to reopen, subject to capacity limits and other requirements. Phase 3/4 - These businesses were allowed to reopen. See Phase III/IV Guidance.	Mandates 7 and 9 (expired), Phase III/IV Guidance
Gyms/Fitness	Phase 1 – closed Phase 2 – allowed to reopen at 25% capacity and subject to other requirements Phase 3/4- reopened. See Phase III/IV guidance.	Mandate 16 (expired)
Nonessential Public facing Businesses (non-retail)	Phase 1 and 2– These were allowed to open, subject to capacity and other requirements. Phase 3/4 - Allowed to open. See Phase III/IV guidance.	Mandate 16 (expired)
Nonessential Retail	Phase 1 and 2 – These were allowed to open, subject to capacity and other requirements. Phase 3/4 – Allowed to open. See Phase III/IV guidance.	Mandate 16 (expired)
Gatherings	Phases 1 and 2 - Mandates 7 and 9 included restrictions on gatherings of more than 10 people. These have expired. Phase 3/4 - There is no general restriction on gatherings. However, any proposed large public gatherings such as festivals and concerts need to consult first with public health before scheduling. See Phase III/IV Guidance.	Mandates 7 and 9 (expired), Phase III/IV Guidance
Travel	Outbreak Orders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Order #8, effective 12/16/20, provides that local communities may impose travel restrictions, subject to certain limits. Must allow travel for critical personal needs, or essential services. Testing requirements are outlined. See Health Order #8 in Health Mandates. Health Order #6, effective 12/16/20, imposes requirements on persons travelling to Alaska, including testing and quarantine requirements. See Health Order #6 in Health Mandates Health Order #5, effective 12/16/20, imposes requirements on critical infrastructure businesses which have staff arriving from out of state, including requirements for a protection plan, testing and other requirements. See Health Order #5 in Health Mandates 	Health Mandates
Face masks	Recommended but not mandated.	

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Other	Except as listed in “Special Populations” in the Phase III/IV Guidance Detailed , all guidance is now advisory rather than mandatory.	

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