

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976, 980, 985, 994, 1003, AND 1011 AND REENACTING THE ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL, INTERSTATE, AND INTRASTATE TRAVEL TESTING MEASURES

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

**WHEREAS**, one measure available to protect the community is to conduct COVID-19 testing on individuals arriving into the Borough and require such individuals to take certain precautions prior to receipt of a negative result; and

**WHEREAS**, these measures assist in identifying and protecting against positive cases before significant community spread can occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wrangell Airport and the Alaska Marine Highway System ferry terminal are the primary points-of-entry for persons traveling into Wrangell from interstate, international, and intrastate locations; and

**WHEREAS**, SEARHC, under State of Alaska funding, has been conducting COVID-19 testing at the Wrangell Airport for the last several months; and

**WHEREAS**, this testing is available at no charge for those traveling by all modes into Alaska and throughout Alaska, at the Wrangell Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska maintains only an interstate and intrastate travel testing advisory, rather than a mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in Wrangell's best interest to continue to require the testing of interstate, international, and intrastate travelers coming into the City and Borough of Wrangell in certain situations, via all modes, in order to quickly discover and isolate infected persons who arrive in Wrangell from outside and inside the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Wrangell has the authority to implement temporary travel testing mandates relating to international, interstate, and intrastate into Wrangell via all modes to protect the health of all people living in and traveling to the community; 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 (INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE TRAVEL).** The City and Borough of Wrangell Assembly requires that all interstate and 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](http://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. All travelers arriving into Wrangell from outside and inside 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.
- 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.
  - 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 Medical Center.
  - 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. Exemptions for Fully Vaccinated Individuals:**

Fully-vaccinated travelers may travel into Wrangell and do not need to get tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.

- a. It is highly recommended that fully-vaccinated travelers who engaged in activities with a greater risk of COVID-19 transmission, and who

may upon return have contact with individuals with a higher risk of impacts from COVID-19, or may have contact in congregate settings, acquire a test at the Wrangell Medical Center upon arrival and quarantine until those results are received.

## **VII. 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.
- e. Fully Vaccinated Individuals is defined as more than two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series, or more than two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

**SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY (INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL).** As per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the City and Borough of Wrangell requires that all travelers traveling internationally into Wrangell do the following:

If you plan to travel internationally, you will need to get tested no more than 3 days before you travel by air into the United States (US) and show your negative result to the airline before you board your flight, or be prepared to show documentation of recovery (proof of a recent positive viral test and a letter from your healthcare provider or a public health official stating that you were cleared to travel).

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATES.** This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and shall sunset at 11:59 pm December 31, 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 1st DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.**

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

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Patricia Gilbert, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk