GENERAL COVID-19 POLICY

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is subject to CDC Guidance, State of Alaska Outbreak Health Orders, and UA Policies as they pertain to COVID-19. This document establishes policies that are not otherwise addressed in UA policy guidance or UAF policies, or where UA policy guidance allows Chancellor discretion.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Strict social distancing: The State of Alaska stipulates the following while observing strict social distancing: You may be in an outdoor public place, but must remain six feet away from anyone not in your immediate household, and you must wear a face covering. You may arrange curbside shopping or have food delivery. You cannot enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community centers, sporting facilities (i.e., ice rinks, gymnasiums, and sports domes), office buildings, and school or daycare facilities. Do not participate in any group activities, including sporting events and practices, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings.

Close contact: “Close contact” means being within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic clients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. Individuals that recovered in the last 90 days from a COVID-19 infection and are without COVID-19 symptoms are not considered a “close contact.”

Quarantine: Quarantine is for people who are close contacts, but have not tested positive for the virus. During quarantine, you must stay in your residence and cannot leave except to seek medical care.
3.0 GENERAL ACCESS POLICY

Anyone coming onto university campuses or sites, including contractors, must comply with applicable operational guidelines and protective measures including the UAF Face Coverings Policy.

Any person that is COVID-19 positive or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not come onto UAF premises.

4.0 STUDENT COVID-19 TESTING POLICY

UAF has implemented a two-test testing protocol that supplements UA student testing guidance. This supplemental protocol applies to students in residential housing (excluding family and married housing) and those in specialized face to face programs in accordance with a Covid-19 mitigation plan. The testing described here applies at the beginning of each regular semester.

1. Students arriving from out of state should arrange for a molecular based test within 72 hours prior to traveling. Students traveling from locations within Alaska should arrange for a molecular based test 72 hours prior to departing for UAF.
   a. Students arriving from out of state should upload the negative test report to the State Travel Portal and bring a copy to present to airport testing personnel and to UAF.
   b. Students arriving from elsewhere in Alaska should bring the negative test report to present to UAF. To prevent delays in receiving test results, traveling students should arrange to take their test as close to but not more than 72 hours prior to traveling.

2. Five days after arrival, a second test will be provided by the Student Health and Counseling Center.

3. Students will need to observe strict social distancing until the second negative test report.
5.0 QUARANTINE

Individuals that are a close contact will be subject to quarantine. Options for 14-, 10-, and 7-day quarantine periods are allowed by the State of Alaska and UA policy. UAF requires a 10-day quarantine for most situations. Exception requests will be forwarded to the Operations Support Team (OST) for consideration and are subject to approval by the chancellor.

6.0 REFERENCES RELIED UPON

State of Alaska Outbreak Health Order 6: International and Interstate Travel
UA Onsite Operations Plan
UA student testing guidance
UA Campus Entry Restrictions Guidance
UA Travel Guidance
UAF COVID-19 face coverings

7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Maintaining onsite operations depends on the ability to effectively manage COVID-19 at UAF. All individuals are responsible for being familiar with and adhering to UAF and UA policies and guidelines, as well as applicable State of Alaska Outbreak Orders.

8.0 NON-COMPLIANCE

University Employees:
University employees are expected to comply with these policies as a condition of employment. Non-compliance reports should be submitted to employee supervisors or to Human Resources.

University Students:
Students are expected to follow these policies when at a location owned or operated by the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Students that fail to comply will be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct (09.02). Failure to comply with these policies could result in educational sanctions, university probation, loss of housing, suspension or expulsion.
Members of the public, and visitors on campus:
Individuals who are not UAF employees or students and who fail to comply with these policies, may be excluded from UAF facilities, property or programs and will be subject to trespass from properties owned or operated by UAF.

9.0 EXEMPTIONS

Visiting athletic teams are exempted from the requirement for strict social distancing for the purposes of athletic competition provided that the teams arrive with negative molecular-based COVID test results obtained within 72 hours of departure for Alaska and do not stay longer than 5 days.

10.0 PROCEDURES

This policy document will be reviewed regularly by the UAF Operations Support Team (OST), at least monthly.

THIS POLICY IS EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 21, 2021. THE POLICY IS APPROVED:

Daniel M. White, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks