UAS Fall Semester and COVID - Updates, Questions, and Answers
“Previously at UAS...”

- **Jan - Feb:** UAS receives word of novel coronavirus, alerts campus, and begins emergency management planning; campus mitigation
- **March:** UAS COVID Incident Command Team formed; Spring break extended, housing and campus buildings closed; classes moved online or cancelled; staff moved to remote work
- **April – May:** Students refunded for tuition, dining, housing and travel, spring classes finish online; student support funds distributed, online graduation, summer session all online
- **June – Aug:** Classes continue online, weekly meetings of UAS COVID IMT, development of online and face-to-face fall plans, constant revision of campus plans as UA and state mandates change
UAS Incident Management Team

- Formed in March
- 30 current members (faculty, staff & administration)
- Meet weekly, or more often as needed
- Area Leads:
  - Command / Operations: Michael Ciri
  - Academics: Maren Haavig
  - Student Support: Lori Klein
  - Logistics: Nathan Leigh
  - Finance: Jon Lasinski
  - Planning: Ryan Sand
  - Safety/Community Liaison: Dan Garcia
  - Public Information: Keni Campbell
  - Human Resources: Alexa Koontz
UAS Planning

- Operational limits:
  - Academics (updated 7/29/20)
  - Egan Library (updated 7/29/20)
  - Campus Housing (updated 7/29/20)
  - Dining Services (updated 7/30/20)
  - Rec Center (updated 7/29/20)
  - Student Services
  - Workplace (updated 7/29/20)

- Full Continuity of Operations Plan

Available at: uas.alaska.edu/pub/covidstatus
UA COVID-19 Information

- sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus
- Official site for distributing information
- Continuously updated
- FAQs, resources, official communication
UA Guidance & Restrictions

UA GUIDANCE

PLASE NOTE: The State of Alaska has suspended non-essential travel guidelines. Students and employees planning on traveling from outside Alaska are encouraged to check the university website and their email for updates.

- Aug. 10, 2020: Student Testing Guidance
- July 28, 2020: On-site Operations Plan
- July 28, 2020: Campus Entry Restrictions Guidance
- June 18, 2020: Travel Guidance
- June 1, 2020: Events Guidance
- June 1, 2020: Critical Infrastructure Work Guidance
- June 1, 2020: On-site Work Guidance
- April 24, 2020: COVID-19 Tracking and Response Guidance
- April 6, 2020: Emergency Regulation Revision - Furlough During COVID-19

University of Alaska COVID-19
Student Testing Guidance
March 2020

1. Testing

In accordance with the U.S. On-site Operations Plan, university operations plan, and guidance with CDC guidelines, COVID-19 testing will be required of students coming onto University of Alaska campuses in the university sponsored activities and in other activities as well.

2. Students who are arriving in Alaska from other states or countries after August 10, 2020 or at any time during the academic year.

These requirements are aligned with State of Alaska Health Directors' guidelines. Students who enter Alaska and are not compliant will be subject to penalties.

3. Students who follow these guidelines but are not able to complete the required testing in a timely manner will be subject to penalties.

4. Students who do not follow these guidelines will be subject to penalties.

5. All students must comply with one of the following options:

- **Testing Options, what to do by**

  - **Option 1:** Students that are unable to conduct a COVID-19 test within 72 hours before departing for Alaska.

    - Those with positive or negative results cannot come to Alaska until they have been released from isolation or allowed to leave.
    - Those with negative test results should:
      - Stay in their current residence until they receive their test results.
      - Contact their healthcare provider for further guidance.
    - Those with positive test results should:
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Campus Entry Restrictions
COVID-19: Updated on May 11, 2020

To reduce the risk of the spread of the coronavirus in our campuses and our communities, the following policies apply to all university campuses and facilities and apply to all university affiliates, visitors, and contractors.

Federal, state, and local restrictions

- All university affiliates, visitors, and contractors are expected to abide by the terms of existing federal, state, or local orders, mandates, and advisories. All university affiliates, visitors, and contractors must follow these policies and procedures.

  - State of Alaska Health Alerts and Health Maintenance available at https://health.alaska.gov/health-alerts/
  - All local municipal and tribal council orders. Local government COVID-19 responsive pages are available online at https://alaska.gov/coronavirus/

- If you cannot comply with federal, state, or local guidance, the guidance in this document, as well as the university restrictions, you must not come onto a UA campus or into a UA facility.

University restrictions

Anyone entering into university campuses or facilities must comply with applicable university operational guidelines and protective measures.

- UA system: https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/ua
- OAA: https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/operationsoa
- OAF: https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/operationsoaf
- OAD: https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/operationsoad
- OAP: https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/operationsoap
- System office: https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/sites/default/

Contractors needed for urgent installations or maintenance on critical infrastructure will be managed by exception and will follow safety procedures and access rules developed for the
UA Employee Status Tracker

2020-08-11: Status by MAU

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Where are we now?

- The bad news:
  - COVID spread is uncontrolled across the U.S.
  - Roughly a third of carriers are asymptomatic
  - Growing evidence that children are not immune
  - Public health can’t keep up with testing and contact tracing
  - A coordinated federal response is unlikely

- The good news (such as it is):
  - Spread in SE Alaska remains relatively low
  - There are more treatment options available
Alaska: August 11, 2020

7-Day Test Positivity Rate

Average daily case rate (14 day window) per 100,000 population, Other Southeast Region - Southern

Average daily case rate (14 day window) per 100,000 population, Juneau City and Borough

Source: https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/
UA Campus Entry Restrictions

Until medically cleared, no person may come on campus who:

- Has been diagnosed with COVID
- Is symptomatic
- Has had close contact with COVID
- Has been outside Alaska in the past 2 weeks
Fall 2020 @ UAS

- Most classes and services will be online
- 30% of courses will be available face-to-face
- Most employees will work remotely
- Limited housing is available
- The Juneau recreation center is open
- Buildings will be open for students as needed, but not the public
Fall 2020 @ UAS

- Good resource!
  uas.alaska.edu/Fall2020
## Fall Face-to-Face Classes (August 11)

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Realistic Assumptions

We assume that:

- Despite our precautions and restrictions, **there will be asymptomatic COVID positive people on campus**
- Things are going to get worse, and **there will be multiple local surges** throughout the fall

So:

- Assume everyone else is an asymptomatic carrier
- Then, assume you may be asymptomatic as well
How do we keep campus safe?

Be a visible example of respect for others:

- Wear your face covering
- Maintain physical distancing and avoid gathering in groups
- Use provided cleaning supplies to sanitize spaces before and after you use them
- Follow any additional safety measures communicated by your dean or director
Balancing Life Demands

UAS encourages everyone to extend and assume:

- **Flexibility**
  - seek alternate working arrangements to accommodate life demands

- **Adaptability**
  - be prepared to change with changing conditions

- **Sustainability**
  - find what will work in the longer term

- **Integrity**
  - model integrity and assume it in others

- **Grace & Compassion**
  - we all are doing the best we can under extraordinary conditions
Anything else?

So, so, much….

- UAS is developing a COVID assessment team to follow up on reports
- A custom training blackboard site is almost finished
- Additional employee training available in myUA
- Reusable personal protective equipment is available
- Campus ventilation systems have been tuned to provide increased filtration and outside airflow
- Installed Sneeze guards, classroom shields and other solutions
- COVID report hotline: uas.covidresponse@alaska.edu
What if I’m feeling sick?

- Stay home!
- COVID self-checker: covid19healthbot.cdc.gov
- If you’re symptomatic:
  - Employees must inform their supervisor and not come to campus.
  - Residential students must stay in their assigned residence and inform the housing office.
  - Non-Residential Students, visitors and contractors must not come to campus and should contact uas.virusresponse@alaska.edu if they have been on campus in the previous 48 hours.
Q & A?