

COVID-19 Health Orders for Commercial Fishermen and Processors

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Governor Mike Dunleavy recently issued a new [Declaration](#) of Public Health Disaster Emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, along with a series of updated [Health Orders](#). The Governor [explained](#) that, *this new disaster declaration is based upon the determination of moving from the threat of a pandemic to an actual pandemic*. The declaration will allow the state and communities access to important tools *to provide certainty to Alaskans during this pandemic*. The Declaration and the following Health Orders (previously ‘mandates’) became effective on November 16th.

Mandates 10, 12, and 17 have now expired and were replaced by the Health Orders, which include some new and revised provisions for both commercial fishermen and processors and will be in effect until further notice. Note that operators of independent commercial fishing vessels or setnet sites must sign a new [acknowledgement form](#) for the upcoming fishing season and that [communities](#) may have their own rules.

Health Order 5: Critical Infrastructure – **NEW 11/16/20**

[Appendix 01](#) Seafood Processing Workers

[Appendix 02](#) Independent Commercial Fishing Vessel Operators

[Appendix 03](#) Independent Commercial Harvesters (e.g. setnet and dive)

[Appendix 04](#) Acknowledgement Form – Independent Vessel & Shorebased Fishing Operators

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

[Alaska Critical Infrastructure Guidance](#)

CDC Guidance: [Protecting Seafood Workers](#)

[COVID-19 Communication Plan](#)

Health Order 6: International and Interstate Travel – **NEW 11/16/20**

Health Order 8: Intrastate Travel – **NEW 11/16/20**

[Alaska Travel Webpage](#)

[Travel Declaration Form](#)

[Letter Template for Crew Travel](#)

Health Alert 10: Face Masks [CDC on Face Masks](#) [Use & Disposal of PPE](#) [Suggested Onboard Procedures](#)

It is important that fishermen, tender operators, and processors obtain and study the directives to ensure that they are informed and following the newest requirements. [Health Orders](#), [Alerts](#), and [FAQs](#) are updated as new information about the COVID-19 virus and potential protective measures emerge. We encourage you to check the state’s [website](#) regularly.

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HELPFUL LINKS

Governor Dunleavy’s 11/6/20 COVID-19 Briefing	Governor Dunleavy’s 6-point COVID-19 Economic Plan	
Local and Borough Resources	ASMI COVID-19 Impact Reports	COVID-19 Informational Sessions
State of Alaska COVID-19 Updates	COVID-19 Testing	Alaska ECHO Vaccine Updates
ADFG COVID-19 & CARES Act Links	NOAA COVID-19 Updates	USCG Safety Exams