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Covid-19 Mitigation Plan

For Catalyst in Alaskan Waters

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Introduction

In light of concerns regarding COVID-19, we are informing our guests and partners of measures we have taken to keep everyone safe.

First and foremost, we want to assure everyone that our policies and procedures, including hygiene, have always put our guest's safety and well-being first.

This plan is based on the Alaska Tourism Industry Association and Passenger Vessel Association guidelines, as well as State of Alaska Health mandates.

Traveling to Alaska

[Health Mandate 10.1](#), issued June 3, 2020 by Governor Dunleavy requires that all travelers to Alaska must self-quarantine, at their expense, for 14 days unless the traveler produces a SARS-CoV2 PCR test result showing the traveler tested negative for COVID-19. There are several ways to obtain a SARS-CoV2 PCR test, with the details outlined in Health Mandate 10.1. Travelers are also required to fill out a declaration form, which can be downloaded from the [State of Alaska Covid-19](#) site.

Crew and guests will be asked to obtain a test within 72 hours of traveling to Alaska, to self-quarantine and wear face-coverings until they arrive in Alaska and are aboard our vessels. After arriving at the airport, crew and guests are asked to minimize exposure and contact at the port of departure.

We are awaiting confirmation that a rapid test center will be established at SeaTac airport, which will provide testing with the results available within 15 minutes. We will update this document upon our receiving that confirmation.

Crew and guests will be asked to provide a copy of the [mandatory declaration](#) for the state of Alaska and proof of a negative SARS-CoV2 PCR test and they and their luggage will be wanded with a UV light before they are allowed to board. Their temperature will also be checked. Guests and crew who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms will not be allowed aboard and must instead seek medical care.

Cruise Description

Cruises will operate between Juneau and Juneau, or Juneau and Petersburg. We will not stop in any populated areas or interact with residents. Trips may visit Pack Creek Bear Reserve; however, there will be no interaction with park rangers.

Turning Around our Vessels

In between each departure, our vessels will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Bunks will be stripped and exposed to UV light before fresh linens are placed. All high-touch surfaces will be sanitized with bleach.

Provisioning

No more than two crew will go into town to purchase supplies. They will adhere to the locally established health mandates, such as social distancing and wearing face coverings. Crew on shopping trips will be asked to take the most direct route to stores, quickly purchase the needed items and return to the boat. Crew will maintain a contact log of all public establishments visited in the course of a port call.

Aboard our Vessels

Because SARS-CoV2 PCR tests can produce false negatives, utmost caution needs to be practiced aboard to minimize exposure to the potentially present virus. The following precautions will be observed to the greatest extent possible:

General

- Daily temperature check
- Hand sanitizer will be available in common areas (salon, dining areas, beverage station, in each stateroom, crew quarters, top and bottom of ladders)
- Masks (and gloves, if desired) are available for those who did not bring their own
- Crew and guests will wear face coverings as much as is practical, except those who have a medical exemption from a physician
- Guests will use only the private heads in their staterooms, or if in Staterooms 4 and/or 5, the lower spaces shared head will become for their use alone. Crew will use the head in crew's quarters. The interior door for the main deck head will be secured. Only crew can access this head using the exterior door.
- Access through the galley will be restricted to crew only. Guests can access the forward settee and beverage station via exterior doors. All must wash hands before using the beverage station.
- Galley access will be limited to crew only. A partition will be installed to separate the sink counter from the adjacent dining area.
- Crew and guests will practice social distancing to the greatest extent possible
- No more than three persons are permitted in the wheelhouse at the same time
- No more than three guests are permitted during engine room tours (on invitation by crew only)
- Practice proper coughing/sneezing etiquette (into a tissue or the elbow)
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently

Food and Health Safety Protocols include:

- Reduced seating at tables
- Signage with directions for proper handwashing and personal safety protocols will be posted on board.
- Crew and guests will dine separately
- Authorized staff (wearing gloves as appropriate) handle food preparation, cooking, serving
- Authorized staff wash all dishes using health safe protocols (triple sink method)
- Crew will clean and sanitize all guest mugs & travel cups at the end of each day
- Boats are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between each trip
- All high-touch surfaces are sanitized several times each day
- General personal safety aboard orientation
- Food safety orientation
- No shared bowls or utensils
- Handwashing before and after meals
- Boat is equipped with: Temporal Thermometer, O2 sensor, full first aid kit, AED, Back-board, cervical collar, crutches.
- All crew members will hold current CPR/First Aide Certifications, and at least 1 will be a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Activities

- Sanitize paddles after each use
- Kayaks are assigned to guests for the duration of the trip
- PFDs will be wanded with a UV light before stowing
- Guests and crew will be required to wear face coverings during small boat operations.

Illness

Should a guest or crew develop two or more symptoms consistent with Covid-19, we will

- Quarantine the guest **and cabin mate** in their cabin immediately
- Quarantine the crew member in their bunk
- Terminate the cruise and head for the arrival port immediately
- Notify Coast Guard of the [hazardous condition](#)
- Notify Harbor Master of the hazardous condition
- Upon arrival test all guests and crew and quarantine, if required

Departures

Upon arrival at the destination harbor guests will hire transportation directly to the airport, unless they have made additional travel arrangements within Alaska.

Links and References

[CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(Covid-19\)](#): Current public health and safety information on COVID-19

[Coronavirus.gov](#): Public information provided by the U.S. government related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

[Passenger Vessel Association](#): Covid-19 Response and Resources, Reopening Plan Guidelines

[Alaska Tourism Industry Association](#): Covid-19 Mitigation Protocols

[State of Alaska Health Mandate 10.1](#)

[State of Alaska Mandatory Declaration Form](#)

[State of Alaska Covid-19 Site](#): Official Information

[State of Alaska Covid-19 Site: Traveler Information](#)

[Coast Guard](#): Hazardous condition reporting

[SARS-CoV2 PCR Testing Planning](#): Alaska leave the virus home!

[Covid-19 Traveler Checklist](#)