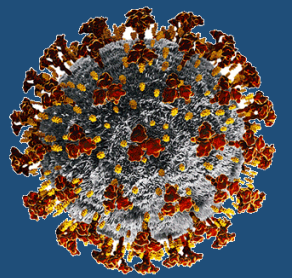




USARAK COVID-19 UPDATE “BLUE BLAST”



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CURRENT TOP LOCAL AREAS OF CONCERN

1. North Pole 2. Wasilla 3. Palmer 4. Tok 5. Soldotna

Report any COVID-19 Symptoms to your Medical Treatment Facility and your Chain of Command



The General Order relating to Corona Virus 2019, Revision 13, was signed April 21st.
The order is available at: <https://home.army.mil/alaska/index.php/coronavirus>

GET VACCINATED!!!

Updates for COVID Vaccinated Soldiers Effective Immediately

Fully vaccinated individuals (defined as 2 weeks after the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or 2 weeks after a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine).

- 60% of the Company/Troop/Battery/Detachment fully vaccinated- Entire Company/Troop/Battery/Detachment gets a 1 day DONSA (within 30 days of reaching this mark).
- 80% of the Company/Troop/Battery/Detachment fully vaccinated- Entire Company/Troop/Battery/Detachment gets 2 additional DONSA's around a weekend (4-day) (DONSA's will be given within 30 days of reaching this mark).
- 70% of Ft. Wainwright Soldiers or JBER Soldiers fully vaccinated- Soldiers that meet age requirements, at that 70% fully vaccinated installation only, can enter business establishments that primarily engage in preparing and serving alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, including indoor and outdoor bars, pubs, and nightclubs that are following state and local mandates.
- Fully vaccinated personnel will not count against COVID-19 capacity limits at the gyms (show ID and proof of immunization)--(starts 23 April, 2021 for Ft. Wainwright gyms and a single JBER gym (building 802 (bay 12) gym); starts o/a May 17th, 2021 for other JBER gyms (after the Northern Edge exercise)).
- At Ft. Wainwright only, if all individuals in a vehicle are fully vaccinated, those individuals do not need to wear a mask; if any individual in a vehicle (does not include dependents) is not fully vaccinated, all must wear a mask in that vehicle. At JBER, until the base policy changes, all (other than families traveling together) must wear a mask in a vehicle regardless of immunization status.
- If fully vaccinated, there is no requirement to submit a pass if you are staying overnight away from your residence during a scheduled pass (e.g. weekend)
- At Ft. Wainwright immediately and at JBER starting o/a 17 May 2021, fully vaccinated individuals can be added on to the current capacity limits for on and off base gatherings (current limits are 3 family groups per event indoors or 5 family groups per event outdoors). For example, 3 family groups and 20 fully vaccinated individuals could meet together indoors for a gathering and those 20 individuals would not count towards the 3 family groups limit indoors. If all individuals in an off-duty (on and off post) gathering are fully vaccinated, the above family group restrictions do not apply. Similarly, if all individuals in an off-duty gathering have been fully vaccinated, face coverings are not required. However, off post gatherings are still subject to Alaska mask requirements.
- Fully vaccinated Soldiers DO NOT need to take a free COVID test at the airport or border crossing when returning from domestic travel and they may immediately enter on-base store fronts (Commissary, PX, gyms).
- Fully vaccinated Soldiers will take a COVID test prior to exercises that include congregate sleeping arrangements are not required to HARD/SOFT ROM.
- C/T/B commanders are the approval authority for all leaves for fully vaccinated Soldiers, regardless of the risk level of the leave location.
- At FWA, fully vaccinated Soldiers will receive a wrist band at the gym door that allows them to remove their mask when exercising on a specific machine.
- At JBER, fully vaccinated Soldiers in “Geronimo” gym (building 802, bay 12) may remove masks while exercising if they prove their vaccination status.
- BN CDR is the approval authority for a **not fully vaccinated SM** out of state leave to a low/moderate/high risk location; this cannot be further delegated.
- BDE CDR no longer required to sign leave paperwork for a **not fully vaccinated SM** going to a high risk leave location.

City of Anchorage Emergency Order #20 Highlights effective 16 April 2021

EO#20 is available at <https://covid-response-moa-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/pages/emergency-orders>

1. Recommended gathering limits to 25 people with food or drink and 35 people without food or drink.
2. Organized sports may conduct competitions to the extent provided in Attachment D in MOA Emergency Order EO-20.
3. All entertainment businesses, bars, restaurants, hair salons, gyms, and all other retail business can operate while maintaining six feet of physical distance between parties. Reference Attachment B/C in MOA EO-20.

REMEMBER, the General Order relating to Corona Virus 2019, Revision 13, remains in effect.

Travel Guidance

10 Day Restriction of Movement Information

- Soldiers who are not fully vaccinated arriving to Alaska from lower 48 and territories **MUST take a FREE STATE COVID-19 test** at point of entry.
- Soldier will observe a **HARD** Restriction of Movement (ROM) in their residence until the results come back negative from the airport testing (2 days expected), and then will spend the remainder of the 10 days after return in a **soft ROM** status. During this soft ROM, Soldiers may go to work and their residence and pick up food at the DFAC, drive through, or curbside pickup. Soldiers will not eat in any public place (including the DFAC) during the 10 day soft ROM and will not enter on-installation store fronts (i.e. PX, Shoppettes, Commissary, Gyms, restaurants, etc.).
- Face coverings must be worn at all times when outside one's residence (except when engaged in outdoor exercise and you are able to maintain a 25 foot distance from all non-dependents and when in your vehicle and not within 6 feet of any non-dependents).

JBER and FWA Vaccination Availability

JBER is offering Pfizer vaccines to individuals aged 16 or older, and FWA is offering Moderna vaccines to individuals aged 18 or older, who are eligible to receive the COVID vaccine via TRICARE as a service member, dependent, or retiree. DoD civilians and DoD contractors are eligible too.

JBER: <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/JBERCOVIDApp> (Elmendorf Fitness Center)

FWA: <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/BACHCOVIDApp> (Neely Dining Hall)

Off Post Vaccination Reporting

Any Soldier that elects to receive a COVID-19 vaccine on the economy must immediately bring their shot card to their Battalion Surgeon Cell or the USARAK Surgeon Cell. Unit Surgeon Cells will copy the shot card, scan it into the electronic medical record and will input the vaccine information into MWDE. Find your closest off-post vaccination site at <https://myhealth.alaska.gov/clinic/search>



Canada Land and Air Travel Requirements

- **LAND TRAVEL:** For travelers seeking entry to Canada via land travel, *there is a requirement for pre-arrival COVID-19 testing as of 15 FEB 21.*
- **AIR TRAVEL:** Travelers seeking entry to Canada via air travel, effective at midnight Feb. 3, will be required to arrive at one of four airports: Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, Toronto Pearson International Airport, Calgary International Airport, and Vancouver International Airport. These air travelers must test upon arrival and quarantine for 3 days in a Government of Canada-approved hotel while awaiting test results.
- **For additional information, visit <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>.**