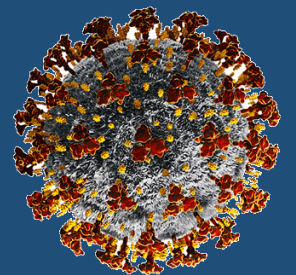




USARAK COVID-19 UPDATE “BLUE BLAST”



As of August 2nd, 2021, Volume 40

CURRENT TOP LOCAL AREAS OF CONCERN

1. Cordova 2. Sitka 3. Seward 4. Soldotna 5. North Pole

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



The General Order relating to Corona Virus 2019, Revision 15, was signed Aug 02.
The order is available at: <https://home.army.mil/alaska/index.php/coronavirus>

Installation Policy Memo Updates

- Community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring and community transmission rates in the local community are fluctuating between substantial or high. New strains of the virus are proving more contagious and we must remain vigilant. There will be situations where we maintain greater restrictions than local government controls.
- Due to the highly transmissible delta variant, ALL PERSONNEL REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS, will wear a mask indoors while on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Fort Wainwright, and Fort Greely during periods of “substantial” or “high” community transmission. Private dwellings are exempt.
- While off post, all USARAK personnel will wear masks in accordance with State and Local advisories and local business requirements.
- JBER is in an area of high community transmission while remaining in HPCON A.
- FWA is in an area of substantial community transmission while remaining in HPCON A.
- Fully immunized personnel at JBER do not need to wear a mask outdoors at DoD facilities/installations, except where commanders have additional controls in place.
- Non-immunized personnel DoD personnel and visitors to the installation will still adhere to all mask wearing requirements unless specifically indicated as an exception in a policy letter.

GET VACCINATED!!!

The vaccine is our best defense.

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.

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

Eligibility open to TRICARE recipients (Service member, dependent, retiree, DoD civilians and DoD contractors)

JBER is offering Pfizer vaccines to individuals age 12 or older on Monday and Friday from 1000-1400

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

FWA is offering Moderna vaccines to individuals age 18 or older every Friday from 1330-1400

FWA: <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/BACHCOVIDApp> (BACH Immunization Clinic)

Fairbanks Pop-Up COVAX Sites

Fairbanks is setting up 2-3 COVAX Pop-Up Sites each week. Mostly on the weekend and at common, popular places; the Ice Dogs Game at the Carlson Center or the Farmer's Market for example. The locations are published at the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/alaska.dhss>

<https://www.facebook.com/fairbanksalaska.us>

<https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/mayor/page/covid-19-information>

Canada Land and Air Travel Requirements

- Find out if you can enter Canada by land or air at <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>
- LAND** – All travelers 5 years of age and older, regardless of vaccination status, will show proof of a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of planned entry into Canada. Travelers who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 must provide proof of a positive COVID-19 molecular test conducted 14-90 days prior to entry into Canada.
- AIR** – No negative COVID-19 test result to transit through Canada by air. Plan your travel so you arrive and depart from the same Canadian airport within 24 hours. Connections must occur on the same day. No overnight connections at Montreal (YUL), Calgary (YYC), or Vancouver (YVR). Check the website above to verify flight requirements.

