

Petersburg School District
COVID-19 Travel Protocol

COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER TRAVEL PROTOCOL

October 30, 2020

Purpose: To ensure the health and safety of our employees, students and community, and to make every effort to keep our schools in the GREEN status with in-person school. This directive follows the elements of the State of Alaska Mandate 10 <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>(updated 10/16/2020) protocol with the following additions :

- Applies to intra-state and out of state *AIRLINE* and AMHS travel for PSD employees and students.
- School Sponsored activity travel that follows PSD mitigation plans will be exempt from intrastate testing requirement protocols
- 5 day Quarantine/Strict Social Distancing required AND a test with negative results completed between day 0 and day 5 but before returning to school on Day 6 (or 14 day quarantine).

Travelers pose a potential risk to their family, friends, and community for 14 days after they travel. COVID cases are increasing dramatically in the State of Alaska (SOA) and outside the (SOA). PSD Staff and Students will be required to use this protocol for all intra and out of state travel. Travelers should take caution to limit community spread of COVID-19 after traveling from one location to another for 14 days after the last travel related potential exposure. Travelers last potential COVID-19 exposure from travel is during the return back to Petersburg on Day 0. Travelers who have been to an area that is experiencing a high level of community spread or who have attended higher risk activities (for example, large social gathering, mass gathering, hotspots as indicted by the CDC or international travel) should take extra precautions during the 14 days after travel (CDC, 8/6/2020) are required to follow these protocols.

Procedure:

Staff or Students Returning from *in-state* and *out-of-state* Airline or AMHS travel:

1. PSD Staff or Students will take a COVID-19 test at the Petersburg airport upon return from travel (Day 0).
2. PSD Staff or Students will quarantine until the results of the Day 0 test results are back.
3. Once they have received negative test results, PSD Staff / Students will practice strict social distancing for the remaining 5 days after their original arrival date.
4. PSD Staff or Students are recommended, but not required to have a second COVID-19 test at the Petersburg Airport on Day 7+.
5. PSD Staff or Students may report back to school at PSD on Day 6, with negative test results and if they are symptom free.
6. PSD Staff who can work from home may do so with prior supervisor and Superintendent approval, Students should attend classes remotely, if offered, or parent should work with classroom teacher to determine make-up work.
7. PSD Staff or Students may quarantine for 14 days after they return from travel without testing.
8. PSD Staff or Students will self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after return and promptly report symptoms.

Definitions:

Day 0: Day traveler returns to Petersburg

Strict Social Distancing: (defined under Mandate 10)

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>

- May be in outdoor spaces but must be 6 feet away from anyone not in your household and must wear mask.
 - Curbside shopping or food delivery okay.
 - Cannot enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community centers, sporting facilities, office buildings, school or daycare facilities.
 - No group activities like sports, practices, weddings, funerals etc. (AK Mandate 10, 10/16/2020)
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Encouraged conduct during travel for PSD staff and students:

- Follow local guidelines for COVID-19 wherever traveling.
- Avoid crowded places and public activities
- Practice excellent hand hygiene techniques
- Practice Social Distancing
- Mask when social distancing is not practical (when within 6 feet of another person)
- Monitor for symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 and seek medical guidance before traveling.
- If an employee travels and believes they may have been in contact with COVID-19 they are required to self-report to manager.

References: CDC, Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

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