

# UAS Fall Semester and COVID - Updates, Questions, and Answers



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# “Previously at UAS...”

- **Jan - Feb:** UAS receives word of novel coronavirus, alerts campus, and begins emergency management planning; campus mitigation
- **March:** UAS COVID Incident Command Team formed; Spring break extended, housing and campus buildings closed; classes moved online or cancelled; staff moved to remote work
- **April – May:** Students refunded for tuition, dining, housing and travel, spring classes finish online; student support funds distributed, online graduation, summer session all online
- **June – Aug:** Classes continue online, weekly meetings of UAS COVID IMT, development of online and face-to-face fall plans, constant revision of campus plans as UA and state mandates change



# UAS Incident Management Team

- Formed in March
- 30 current members (faculty, staff & administration)
- Meet weekly, or more often as needed
- Area Leads:
  - **Command / Operations:** Michael Ciri
  - **Academics:** Maren Haavig
  - **Student Support:** Lori Klein
  - **Logistics:** Nathan Leigh
  - **Finance:** Jon Lasinski
  - **Planning:** Ryan Sand
  - **Safety/Community Liaison:** Dan Garcia
  - **Public Information:** Keni Campbell
  - **Human Resources:** Alexa Koontz



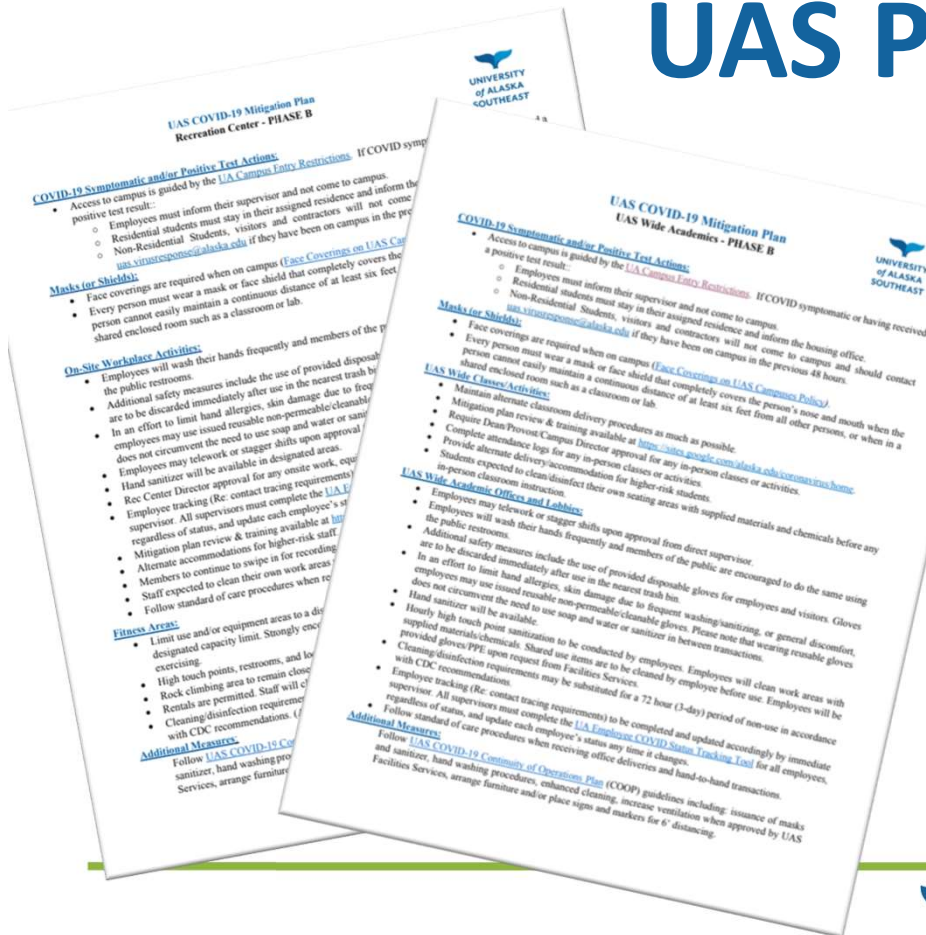
# UAS Planning

- Operational limits:
  - [Academics](#) (updated 7/29/20)
  - [Egan Library](#) (updated 7/29/20)
  - [Campus Housing](#) (updated 7/29/20)
  - [Dining Services](#) (updated 7/30/20)
  - [Rec Center](#) (updated 7/29/20)
  - [Student Services](#)
  - [Workplace](#) (updated 7/29/20)
- [Full Continuity of Operations Plan](#)

Available at:  
[uas.alaska.edu/pub/covidstatus](https://uas.alaska.edu/pub/covidstatus)



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# UA COVID-19 Information



- [sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus](https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus)
- Official site for distributing information
- Continuously updated
- FAQs, resources, official communication



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# UA Guidance & Restrictions

## UA GUIDANCE

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: The State of Alaska has announced new travel mandates for travelers coming from out of state, effective Aug. 11. These university policies. Guidance is being updated. Students and employees planning on coming from outside Alaska are encouraged to watch website and their email for updates.\*\*\*

- Aug. 10, 2020: [Student Testing Guidance](#)
- July 28, 2020: [On-site Operations Plan](#)
- July 28, 2020: [Campus Entry Restrictions Guidance](#)
- June 18, 2020: [Travel Guidance](#)
- June 1, 2020: [Events Guidance](#)
- June 1, 2020: [Critical Infrastructure Work Guidance](#)
- June 1, 2020: [On-site Work Guidance](#)
- June 1, 2020: [COVID-19 Tracking and Response Guidance](#)
- April 14, 2020: [COVID-19 Tracking and Status Tracking Tool](#)
- For supervisors: [UA Employee COVID-19 Status Tracking Tool](#)
- April 6, 2020: [Emergency Regulation Revision – Furlough During COVID 19](#)

### 1) Testing

a) In accordance with the [UA On-site operations plan](#), university operation plans, and consistent with CDC guidance COVID-19 testing will be required of students coming onto University of Alaska campuses in the following circumstances. University chancellors, at their discretion, may require students participating in university sponsored activities to undergo testing as well.

1. **Students who are arriving in Alaska from other states and countries after August 10, 2020 or at any point during the academic year.**

These requirements are aligned with State of Alaska [Health Mandate 10.1 \(Updated August 5, 2020\)](#) governing interstate travel (by way of land, sea, and air), and are reflected on the State of Alaska COVID Travelers website, <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>. Students who follow these requirements will also meet the requirements of those mandates. If the State makes its policies more restrictive, the university will adhere to those more restrictive policies.

Any student that has tested positive with COVID-19 cannot travel to Alaska until they have been released from isolation or cleared for travel by a medical provider or public health agency. Students arriving into the state should complete a "Travel Declaration" form: <https://app.ketchin.com/> and <https://www.alaska.gov/sosvatsapp.com/>.

Students arriving through other ports of entry besides Anchorage may need to complete the following form: [https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/07142020-Travel-declaration-form-Ver-3.0-7-14-20\\_Final.pdf](https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/07142020-Travel-declaration-form-Ver-3.0-7-14-20_Final.pdf)

All students must comply with one of the following options:

- a. **Testing options when arriving by air**

#### Option 1 (preferred)

Students are strongly encouraged to have the results from a molecular-based test for COVID-19 that was completed within 72 hours before departing for Alaska.

- Those with positive test results cannot come to Alaska until they have been released from isolation or cleared for travel by a medical provider or public health agency.
- Those with negative test results should:
  - upload the negative result into the Alaska Travel Portal<sup>1</sup>, and
  - bring those test results with them for presentation to airport screeners (or marine transport, border, or other screeners) and to the university.
- Those without results may come to Alaska and should:

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.alaska.gov/sosvatsapp.com/>  
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.alaska.gov/sosvatsapp.com/>

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### Campus Entry Restrictions

To reduce the risk of the spread of the coronavirus in our campuses and in our communities, the following governs access to university campuses and facilities and applies to all university affiliates, visitors and contractors.

#### Federal, state and local restrictions

All university affiliates, visitors and contractors are expected to abide by the terms of existing federal, state, or local orders, mandates, alerts and advisories. All university affiliates, visitors and contractors must first check the following sites and comply before reviewing university restrictions:

- CDC Guidance (see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>)
- State of Alaska Health Alerts and Health Mandates available at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/> and <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-alerts/>, including mandates and alerts regarding travel within the state of Alaska.
- All local municipal and tribal council orders. Local government COVID-19 response pages are available online at <http://bit.ly/akcovidhub>.

If you cannot comply with federal, state and local guidance, the guidance in this document, as well as the university restrictions, you must not come onto a UA campus or into a UA facility.

#### University restrictions

Anyone coming onto university campuses or sites must comply with applicable university operational guidelines and protective measures.

- UA system: <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/status>
- UAA: <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/uaa/uaa-status>
- UAF: <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/uaf/uaf-status>
- UAS: <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/uas/uas-status>
- System office: <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/status/iv-status>

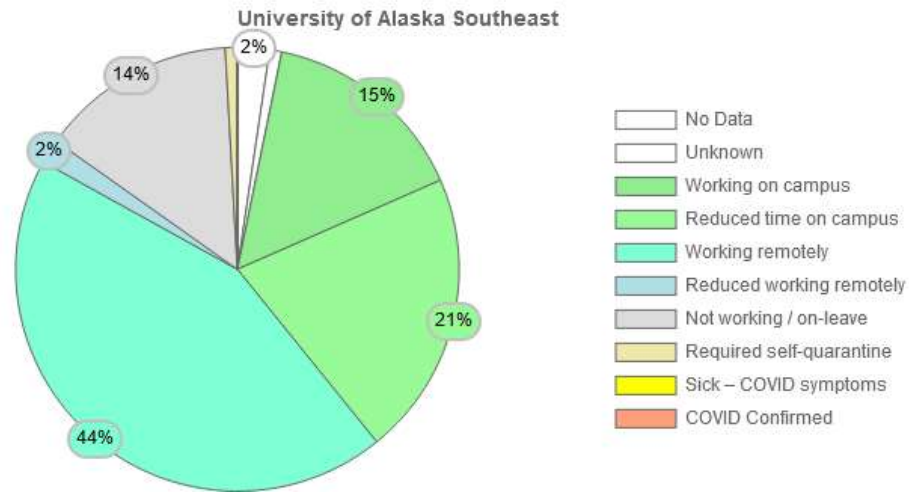
Contractors needed for urgent installation/maintenance on critical infrastructure will be managed by exception and will follow safety procedures and access rules developed for the



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# UA Employee Status Tracker

2020-08-11: Status by MAU											
	No data	Unknown	Working on campus	Reduced time on campus	Working remotely	Reduced working remotely	Not working / on-leave	Required self-quarantine	Sick - COVID symptoms	COVID Confirmed	Total
University of Alaska Southeast	8	3	52	71	150	6	49	3	-	-	342
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# Where are we now?

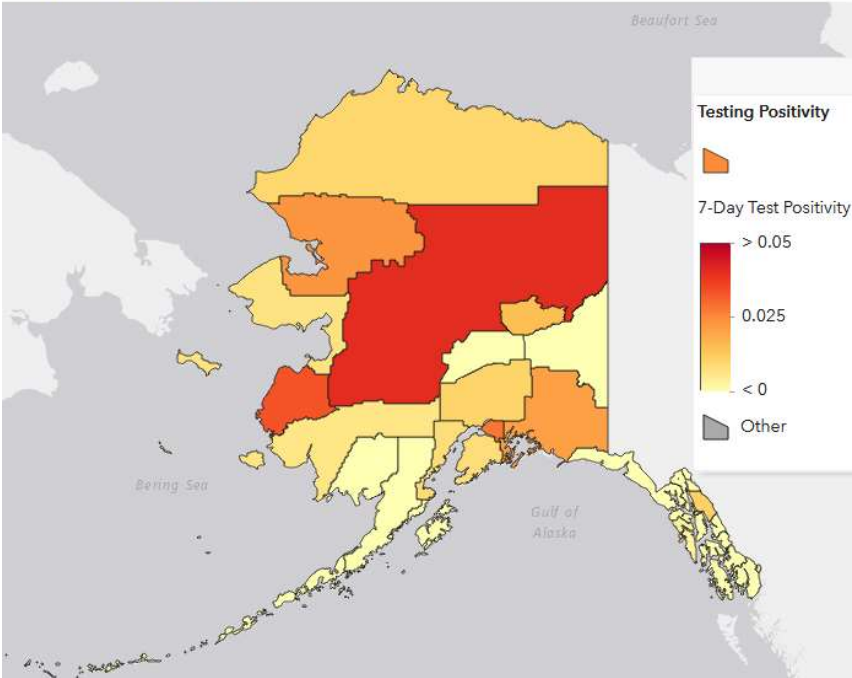
- The bad news:
  - COVID spread is uncontrolled across the U.S.
  - Roughly a third of carriers are asymptomatic
  - Growing evidence that children are not immune
  - Public health is can't keep up with testing and contact tracing
  - A coordinated federal response is unlikely
- The good news (such as it is):
  - Spread in SE Alaska remains relatively low
  - There more treatment options available



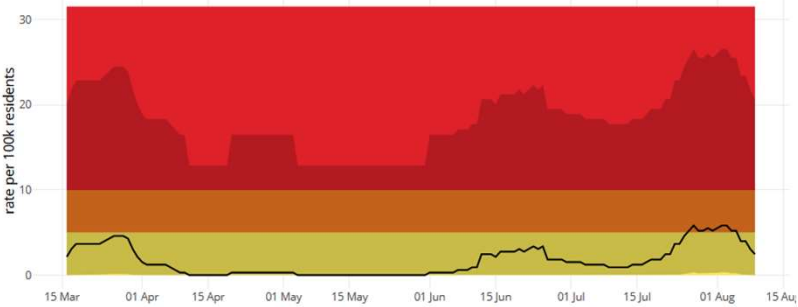


# Alaska: August 11, 2020

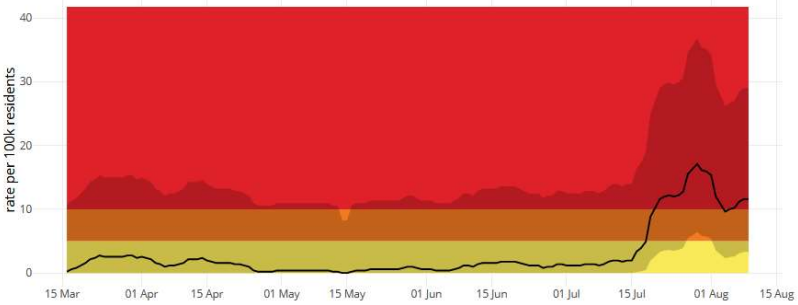
7-Day Test Positivity Rate



Average daily case rate (14 day window) per 100,000 population, Other Southeast Region - Southern



Average daily case rate (14 day window) per 100,000 population, Juneau City and Borough



Source: <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>

# UA Campus Entry Restrictions

Until medically cleared, no person may come on campus who:

- Has been diagnosed with COVID
- Is symptomatic
- Has had close contact with COVID
- Has been outside Alaska in the past 2 weeks



# Fall 2020 @ UAS

- Most classes and services will be online
- 30% of courses will be available face-to-face
- Most employees will work remotely
- Limited housing is available
- The Juneau recreation center is open
- Buildings will be open for students as needed, but not the public



# Fall 2020 @ UAS



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links for ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, LIFE AT UAS, and ABOUT UAS. The main heading is "Fall 2020 Expectations at UAS". Below the heading is a paragraph stating: "UAS is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our students, employees, and visitors as we start a new academic year during COVID-19. We will be implementing modifications to our regular operations. Check back regularly for updates." There are three main sections: "Campus Reopening" with a sub-heading "Currently, UAS campuses are mostly closed to the public and most services are offered remotely. We plan to re-open our campuses in August." and a link "Student Services Dashboard: Contact UAS Staff"; "On-Campus Housing in Juneau" with a sub-heading "On-campus housing is limited for Fall 2020. Placements will be made by July 20, 2020. If you have questions about housing, please contact the housing office directly at 907-796-6445 or visit the Housing webpage." and a link "Covid-19 and Student Housing"; and "Face Coverings" with a sub-heading "Face coverings are required when on campus. Every person must wear a face covering (mask, face shield, ..." and a photo of a student wearing a mask. A "Table of Contents" sidebar lists: "Campus Reopening", "On-Campus Housing in Juneau", "Face Coverings", "Fall Semester 2020 Schedule", "Frequently Asked Questions", and "Additional Resources".

- Good resource!  
[uas.alaska.edu/Fall2020](https://uas.alaska.edu/Fall2020)



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# Fall Face-to-Face Classes (August 11)

<b>Juneau</b>	<b>85</b>
Alaska Langs & Art Non-Credit	3
Alaska Languages	1
Art	10
Biology	10
Chemistry	5
Communication	3
Construction Technology	9
Diesel Technology	7
Environmental Science	3
Geography	3
Geology	1
Health Science	3
History	1
Mathematics	7
Outdoor Studies	5
Physical Education	8
Sociology	2
Welding Technology	4

<b>Ketchikan</b>	<b>33</b>
Art	1
Biology	2
Community Service	1
Computer Info Systems	1
Diesel Technology	3
Marine Transportation	14
Vocational Technology, NonCred	7
Welding Technology	4

<b>Sitka</b>	<b>16</b>
Art	9
Biology	1
Fisheries Tech	2
Health Science	1
Welding Technology	3

	<b>Instructors</b>
Juneau	27
Ketchikan	10
Sitka	5
<b>UAS Total</b>	<b>42</b>

	<b>Students</b>
Juneau	333
Ketchikan	79
Sitka	32
<b>UAS Total</b>	<b>444</b>



# Realistic Assumptions

We assume that:

- Despite our precautions and restrictions, **there will be asymptomatic COVID positive people on campus**
- Things are going to get worse, and **there will be multiple local surges** throughout the fall

So:

- Assume everyone else is an asymptomatic carrier
- Then, assume you may be asymptomatic as well



# How do we keep campus safe?

Be a visible example of respect for others:

- Wear your face covering
- Maintain physical distancing and avoid gathering in groups
- Use provided cleaning supplies to sanitize spaces before and after you use them
- Follow any additional safety measures communicated by your dean or director



# Balancing Life Demands

UAS encourages everyone to extend and assume:

- Flexibility
  - seek alternate working arrangements to accommodate life demands
- Adaptability
  - be prepared to change with changing conditions
- Sustainability
  - find what will work in the longer term
- Integrity
  - model integrity and assume it in others
- Grace & Compassion
  - we all are doing the best we can under extraordinary conditions





# Anything else?

So, so, much....

- UAS is developing a COVID assessment team to follow up on reports
- A custom training blackboard site is almost finished
- Additional employee training available in myUA
- Reusable personal protective equipment is available
- Campus ventilation systems have been tuned to provide increased filtration and outside airflow
- Installed Sneeze guards, classroom shields and other solutions
- COVID report hotline: [uas.covidresponse@alaska.edu](mailto:uas.covidresponse@alaska.edu)



# What if I'm feeling sick?

- Stay home!
- COVID self-checker: [covid19healthbot.cdc.gov](https://covid19healthbot.cdc.gov)
- If you're symptomatic:
  - Employees must inform their supervisor and not come to campus.
  - Residential students must stay in their assigned residence and inform the housing office.
  - Non-Residential Students, visitors and contractors must not come to campus and should contact [uas.virusresponse@alaska.edu](mailto:uas.virusresponse@alaska.edu) if they have been on campus in the previous 48 hours.



# Q & A?



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