

## **09-23-2020 Local Updates**

- There are no known active cases of COVID-19 in Gustavus
  - 12 test results are still pending
- 28 COVID-19 test were taken last week in Gustavus (SEARHC data)
- The City of Gustavus updated and extended their Mask Resolution at Mondays 9/21/20 regular Council Meeting. <https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/ordinances/cy20-22-wearing-cloth-face-masks-or-face-seilds>
- The state's testing positivity rate was 2.28% over a seven-day rolling average (DHSS data hub; 9/22/2020)
- The age groups; 20-29 and 30-39 currently have the highest positive case count in the State of Alaska. (DHSS data hub; 9/21/2020)
- Juneau currently has 30 known active cases, and four people with COVID-19 are currently hospitalized at Bartlett Regional Hospital. With 6 cases reported over the weekend and 3 yesterday. (KINY; 9/22/2020)
  - Before travelling to Juneau it would be smart to check out the Juneau COVID-19 page for their latest news. <https://juneau.org/covid-19>
  - Juneau also has a COVID-19 Risk Metric and Mitigation Strategies page that that informs people what the current risk level in the city is. It also gives information and recommendations on gatherings, bars, restaurants, face coverings, etc. <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=0a602fc51ee24966abb3721c8fabfb82>

## **Point of Entry Testing** (items in red are updated or new information)

The Point of Entry (POE) tent is still open for all resident intrastate travelers and for follow up voucher testing until October 31, 2020. Hours of operation are based around the scheduled Alaska Sea Planes flights and are open, 7 days a week from 8:30am – 10:00am & 2:30pm - 4:00pm. **Starting Saturday September 26, 2020 the morning hours will change to 10:00am – 11:00am and closed on Sundays.** We strongly encourage you to take advantage of the POE Testing when arriving back into Gustavus and to minimize your interactions until you get your results back. Then between 7-10 days it is also a good idea to redeem your follow up travel voucher for another free test.

To get tested at the POE tent **on arrival into Gustavus or departing to a smaller community**, there are a few things required by the State of Alaska and

SEARHC. Having the stuff below completed ahead of time speeds the process up.

1. Anyone over the age of 11, must have or create an account on Alaska Travel Portal. <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com/> If you plan on Interstate traveling this winter, this portal is a requirement.
2. Login into your account and file a new travel declaration form. You need to do this step every time you travel to receive a free test at any of the 10 Airport testing locations.
3. If you have access to a printer ahead of time, you can fill out the SEARHC Demographics and Consent Form. Please bring 2 copies. [https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/20381/community\\_demographics\\_and\\_waiver\\_fillable.pdf](https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/20381/community_demographics_and_waiver_fillable.pdf)
4. After 7 days from the date you arrived, you can login to your Alaska Travel Portal Account and redeem your digital follow up voucher. Then return to the POE tent to get your voucher test within 7-10 days.
  - If the POE tent is closed when you arrive into Gustavus, please minimize your interactions and return to the tent during when its open next to receive your free POE COVID-19 test.
  - The State of Alaska POE tent is intended to be used at the time of arrival, not 5 days later. This is how the State funded program is setup. There is free asymptomatic COVID-19 testing at the SEARHC Clinic every Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm.
  - If you are flying back and forth between Juneau to Gustavus often and want to be tested on each arrival. You need to file a new travel declaration form each time. This is a State requirement.
  - The State POE testing is currently set up to test people on arrival in one of the ten airports around the state. If you travel from that POE airport to a smaller community that requires or recommends testing, you can go to the airport and get a free COVID-19 test. If you travel by ferry, skiff, plane, or any other mode of transportation to Hoonah, Elfin Cove, Pelican, Inian Island, Excursion Inlet, etc., you can come get test at during the scheduled hours before departure.
  - The POE tent at the airport is not set up for Gustavus residents to pretest before going to Juneau or to meet another states travel requirements, similar to the State of Alaska's 72 hour interstate testing before entering the state. According to Mandate 10, if you fill out a Travel

declaration with your arrival as Juneau, as a resident interstate traveler you should be able to enter the Juneau POE testing area and obtain a test.

If you have any question about the POE testing or COVID-19, please reach out to me.

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