



BRISTOL BAY

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2021 Bristol Bay COVID-19 Fishermen's Handbook Last update:

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This handbook outlines information necessary for fishermen participating in the Bristol Bay salmon fishery during the 2021 season. This information is subject to change as new information becomes available. The BBRSDA will attempt to keep materials updated and current, but the responsibility belongs to each individual to ensure that they follow local ordinances and operate responsibly.

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A Note from the BBRSDA:

Dear Bristol Bay Fishermen,

Fishermen and processors planned for and succeeded in having a safe and successful season last year, but we encourage the fleet to follow recommended guidance and reasonable precautions just a bit longer. The COVID-19 pandemic is winding down in the U.S. but the virus is still out there. Even if you are vaccinated or in a “low-risk” demographic, a COVID outbreak could still wreak havoc on public health and jeopardize smooth operations for this year’s fishery.

We hope you find this updated handbook useful for following necessary and recommended protocols in support of a smooth season.

Good luck and best fishes,

Andy Wink
BBRSDA Executive Director

Checklist

Are you prepared for a safe and successful season? Check the list.

- Contact **your processor’s fleet manager** for their Covid-19 operating guidelines, including required documentation and on-site protocols.
- Review [State of Alaska Health Advisories](#), particularly:
 - [Advisory #4](#): Critical Infrastructure
 - [Appendix 02](#): Protective Plan for Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels
 - [Appendix 03](#): Protective Plan for Independent Commercial Harvesters (Setnet)
- Review **local guidelines** for your port of arrival, and port(s) of operations.
 - [Bristol Bay Public Notices by Community](#)
- If you’re **not** yet vaccinated, consider getting the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine before you leave or while transiting through the Anchorage airport (starting June 1, 2021). Contact your **doctor or local health clinic** about [vaccination options](#).
- If you **are** vaccinated, make sure you (and crew) have your vaccination card(s). Consider laminating the vaccination card and/or taking a picture of it on your phone.
- Contact your **business partners**: insurance providers, vendors, boat yards.
- Talk to your crew** about [best practices](#) for disease prevention, and working respectfully within communities and private businesses.
- Carry a mask**. At any given time, masks may be required by private businesses, city facilities, or enforcement personnel. This simple precaution helps reduce stress.
- When in doubt, ask**. Call the fleet manager, dock foreman, business owner or city official overseeing the space in question. Ask for the right next steps to get the job done.

1. Planning & Preparation

The following are steps to help you prepare for arrival in the Bay, including advisories or mandates issued by federal, state and community entities, and recommendations for supplies. Refer to the actual advisories for full details.

Travel Documentation

a. *Processors & Other Private Businesses*

Your processor, essential vendors or insurance provider may require additional documentation. Refer to their guidelines for more information.

b. *Bristol Bay Communities*

i. [Full list of community public notices.](#)

ii. [Dillingham](#) — Full details on [Emergency Order 2.1](#)

1. **Required Travel Documentation:** All persons traveling to Dillingham must complete a [Travel Form](#). Keep a copy of the form on your phone or on your person, and send to travelpermit@dillinghamak.us.
**Failure to complete the form could result in a \$300 fine.*
2. **Required Testing Documentation:** Non-vaccinated persons are required to present proof of a negative Covid-19 viral test result taken within 3-days prior to your trip to Dillingham.
**Declining a test may result in a required 10-day quarantine.*
3. **Exemptions:** If you are leaving Dillingham within 3 hours of arriving, no documentation is required.

iii. **Clark's Point** — Full details on [Summer Safety Covid-19 Mitigation Mandate](#)

1. No additional travel documentation required.

iv. [Bristol Bay Borough](#) (Naknek, S. Naknek, King Salmon)

1. Adherence to state advisories recommended, no additional travel documentation required.

v. [Lake and Peninsula Borough](#)

See Appendix 1, page 10 of this document for a matrix of travel restrictions and community guidelines for 16 communities in Lake and Peninsula Borough.

c. *State of Alaska*

The State of Alaska is not issuing health, travel or documentation mandates for the 2021 season. However, **advisories with strong recommendations** remain in place.

- i. [Alaska Health Advisory #4](#): Recommendations for critical infrastructure workers, including developing protection plans and [acknowledgement form](#).
- ii. [Appendix 02](#): Protective Plan for Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels
- iii. [Appendix 03](#): Protective Plan for Independent Commercial Harvesters (Setnet)

Vaccination

- The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the State of Alaska and the [Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation](#) recommend **Covid-19 vaccination** for anyone over the age of 12.
 - **In Alaska:** Visit the [Department of Health and Social Services](#) to find a location and appointment near you.
 - **In other States:** Speak to your doctor or local health clinic for options.
- Bristol Bay area healthcare providers are able to **administer a first or second dose** of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, or the single-dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine if you arrive in Bristol Bay before you acquire yours.
 - **If you require a second vaccine dose, bring documentation of the first, including the brand (Moderna or Pfizer.)**
- Beginning June 1, 2021, at participating airports, all travelers to Alaska will be eligible to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine. Updates on the [AK Safe Travels](#) site.

Pre-Planning with Partner Businesses

- Contact boatyard managers and essential vendors for their protocols.
- Contact your processor for office, dock, plant, and tender protocols, including any pre-travel requirements.
- Contact your insurance provider to request their additional guidance on Covid-19 precautions and coverage.

You may want to secure additional coverage for medical evacuation.

Supplies

These supplies are recommended for easy compliance with common best practices/guidelines or conducting routine health screening.

- Cloth face masks
- Lima Flag — Yellow and black checkered flag indicating vessel is under quarantine. Fly if your crew is completing all or part of a quarantine while on the water.
- Quebec Flag — Solid yellow flag indicating you are not under quarantine.
- Thermometer
- Sanitation Supplies including hand sanitizer, surface disinfectant and paper towels.
- First Aid Supplies including cough suppressants, face shields and disposable gloves.

NOTE ON SUPPLIES: Make a plan for securing other essential supplies (like groceries, gear, parts, etc.) **before** you arrive in Bristol Bay. Plan for any initial quarantine requirements by arriving with essentials, or arranging for delivery.

2. Travel, Quarantine & Testing

Travel and quarantine requirements and recommendations vary based on your point of entry into the Bristol

Refer to processor, local business, community and state guidelines for full details.

Bay region, and your final destination.

1. Bristol Bay Communities

- a. [Full List of Community Public Notices:](#)
- b. [Dillingham](#) & [Clark's Point](#)
 - i. Vaccinated Persons: No Quarantine
 - ii. Non-Vaccinated Persons:
 1. Travel with proof of negative viral test within 3 days of travel to Dillingham
 2. 7-Day quarantine with a Covid-19 viral test on Day 5, **OR**
 3. 10-Day quarantine if **no** second test
 4. Essential workers may work during quarantine while following guidelines for preventing disease and minimizing contact.
- *See [guidance from City of Dillingham, section 3.](#)
- c. [Bristol Bay Borough](#) (Naknek, S. Naknek King Salmon)
 - i. Follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, hand washing and masks.
- d. Lake and Peninsula Borough
See Appendix 1, page 10 of this document for a matrix of travel restrictions and community guidelines for 16 communities in Lake and Peninsula Borough.
- e. Local medical professionals suggest all people, regardless of vaccination status, get tested around their 5th day in Bristol Bay. Local clinics have tests readily available and may also be able to provide swabs to bring on the boat with you for faster testing during the season, if needed.

2. State of Alaska

- a. Alaska does not currently have any travel mandates, but does strongly recommend certain precautions, particularly for non-vaccinated persons.
- b. Read full details in [Alaska Health Advisory #2: International and Interstate Travel](#), and [Alaska Health Advisory #3: Intrastate Travel](#).

3. General Travel Recommendations

- a. Most transporters require face masks throughout travel.
- b. Carry with you any travel, testing or vaccination documentation required at your destination.
- c. Plan ahead for direct transport from the airport to the final destination.

4. Quarantine Protocols

- a. You may quarantine on your vessel.
 - i. Days at sea count toward any required quarantine amounts.
 - ii. Fly a Lima flag during this time, and use strict distancing and sanitation practices during any contact with other vessels or docks, such as refueling, resupply, and offload. Contact port authorities and processors for their specific guidelines.
- b. If one or more members of your crew is under quarantine, the entire operation living and working together is considered under quarantine.
- c. Working During Quarantine
 - i. Guidance from [Dillingham](#)

- ii. General Recommendations
 1. Arrange for supplies to be delivered.
 2. Limit contact to crew sharing quarantine and essential vendors.
 3. Wear face masks and practice social distancing (6 feet)
 4. Do not share or exchange tools/goods. If they must be exchanged, wash hands before and after, and sanitize items received.

NOTE: Your processor, essential vendors or insurance provider *may require* additional precautions. Refer to their guidelines for more information.

3. Working in Town

Social Distancing & Precautionary Practices

While vaccinations and improved testing are reducing the spread of Covid-19, local, state and federal health officials advise social distancing in order to prevent illness.

[The Bristol Bay Area Health Consortium](#) recommends the following:

- Take the vaccine
- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Watch your space – keep 6 feet apart and limit group activities with people outside of your household

Port of Bristol Bay - [Public Service Announcement 2021](#)

4. Working on the Water

Mask Mandate

Currently, a [CDC federal mask mandate](#) requires crew of all commercial fishing vessels to wear a face mask at all times unless eating or drinking.

Exception: Crew are exempted from wearing a mask at times when doing so would create a “risk to workplace health, safety or job duty.” — Pg. 5

Docks, tenders and other vessels: *Communication prevents delays and roadblocks.*

Processors and city docks have specific guidelines for doing critical business safely. Those guidelines may change depending on vaccination and quarantine status.

- Reach out:** Contact your processor’s fleet manager for in-season protocols.
- Read up:** Be aware of public notices for public facilities including docks and bulkheads.
- Use your flags:** Alert other vessels and port facilities to your quarantine status.
- Use the radio:** When approaching vessels/docks for the first time, ask for their protocols.

For additional detail on best practices, see State of Alaska advisories for critical infrastructure workers and commercial fishing operations in [Advisory #4](#) and [Appendix 02](#). **Recommended precautions on board working**

Refer to processor, local business, community and state guidelines for full details.

vessels include:

- Regularly sanitize shared workspaces, surfaces, living quarters, supplies, and tools. Establish a vessel protocol and assign duties for regular sanitation.
- Use ventilation fans when working in the engine room.
- Encourage good hygiene practices for the entire crew. Practice regular hand washing, cough covering, and social distancing where possible and safe.
- Wear gloves and face masks when exchanging any necessary items (groceries, garbage, paperwork, etc.) between vessels or at the dock.
- Minimize interaction with other vessels and docks.
- Know and follow all preventive protocols of fuel docks, tenders, and harbors. Reduce as much face-to-face contact with others as possible.
- Disinfect deliveries before bringing on board.
- Wash hands before preparing or eating food.

5. Working at a Setnet Site

It is recommended that setnet operators and crew be familiar with the state advisories and local guidelines applying to your type and port of operation. Those include:

State of Alaska [Health Advisory #4, Appendix 03](#): Recommendations for commercial fishing harvesters operating from shore, open skiffs, and other means where the crew is not living on board a vessel for multiple days at sea.

[Individual Community Guidelines](#): Guidelines vary by community. It is up to independent operators to be familiar with city, borough or tribal ordinances impacting their operations. For communities in Lake and Peninsula Borough, see also *Appendix 1, page 10 of this document for a matrix of travel restrictions and community guidelines for 16 communities in Lake and Peninsula Borough.*

6. Documentation

It is recommended that you document precautionary steps taken by you and your crew, including:

- Vaccination (Dates & Type)
- Travel (Dates & Locations)
- Testing (Dates & Results)
- Quarantine (Dates & Location)
- Any self or professional health screening
- Non-crew interactions (i.e. service providers, vendors, enforcement, healthcare, etc.)
- See Section 1 for required pre-travel documentation.

7. Responding to Illness & Emergencies

Monitor yourself and crew for signs of illness. Seek medical assistance if symptoms are severe or indicate potential exposure to Covid-19.

Monitor for Symptoms

[CDC Recommendations](#)

[Alaska Recommendations](#)

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms.

People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention

Look for **emergency warning signs** for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

These are not all possible symptoms. Call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning. In case of emergency, [call 911 or call ahead to the local emergency facility](#): Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who may have COVID-19.

Screening & Isolation

- Check crew members regularly for new signs of illness: fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, unusual fatigue.
- If a respiratory illness is identified, screen all crew.
- If symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, isolate the ill crew member (as possible) and use face masks. Consider the entire crew under isolation.
 - Use strict social distancing and sanitation precautions, and contact Emergency Services for further guidance and evaluation.
 - If a vessel returns to port with a sick crew member, no crew shall leave the vessel.

Emergency Contacts

HEALTHCARE

[Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation](#)

If you have clinical questions about COVID-19,
please call: 907-842-9440
Dillingham Emergency: (800) 478-5201

[Kanakanak Hospital](#) - Dillingham

24/7 Emergency Phone Line:
(907) 842-5201 or (907) 842-9244

[Camai Community Health Center](#): Naknek

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
(907) 246-6155

[South Naknek Clinic](#): (907) 246-6546

After Hours Emergency On-Call Phone
(907) 469-0691

[Clark's Point Clinic](#): (907) 236-1232

After Hours Emergency On-Call Phone:
(907) 236-6040

[Egegik Clinic](#): (907) 233-2229

After Hours Emergency On-Call Phone
(907) 233-4090

[AirMedCare \(medevac\)](#):

After becoming a member, 24/7 availability: (907)
602-8012

[LifeMed Alaska](#):

24/7 Medevac Dispatch: (800) 478-5433

COMMUNITY/STATE OFFICES

[City of Dillingham](#):

Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (907) 842-5211
COVID Questions: (907) 842-2321

[Bristol Bay Borough](#):

Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (907) 246-4224

[Lake and Peninsula Borough](#):

Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (907) 246 - 3421

[Alaska COVID-19 Information: Dept. of Health & Social Services](#)

For current information related to COVID-19, dial
2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221.
Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (907) 269-7800

[ADF&G](#)

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dillingham: (907) 842-5227

King Salmon: (907) 246-3341

COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND COMMUNITY GUIDELINES IN THE LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH

Community	Travel Restrictions			Community Guidelines			More Information	
	Non-Essential Travel Allowed	Proof of Negative Test Required	Written Approval Required for Travel	Quarantine Required	Minimize community interaction	Social Distancing		Face masks Required in Public Buildings
Borough-Wide	Allowed	Required	notify City before arrival	7 days if coming from non-vacc system, test at day 5	Per Ord. 21-09	Per Ord. 21-09	Per Ord. 21-09	Per Lake and Pen Borough Ordinance 21-09. All Borough and Village ordinances available at covid.lakeandpen.com
Chignik Bay	Allowed	Required	notify City before arrival	7 days	Required	Required	Required	Chignik Tribal Council: 907.749.2445, City of Chignik: 907.749.2280, cityoffice@chignik.org
Chignik Lagoon	Intervillage travel allowed by boat	test within 72 hours of travel	notify COVID Coordinator 3 days prior to travel	14 days if unvaccinated	vaccinated permitted to gather	Required	Required	Village Council: cityoffice@gmail.com, Ordinance available at: https://chigniklagoon.net/whatstnew.html
Chignik Lake	Allowed	Required		14 days if unvaccinated, 7 and 14 days if unvaccinated and sweat neg result	Required	Required	Required	Village Council: 907.845.4041
Egegik	Allowed	Required		14 days if unvaccinated, 7 and 14 days if unvaccinated and sweat neg result	Required	Required	Required	City of Egegik: 907.233.2400
Igigiugig	call village council for case by case approval	test prior to arrival & at day 5		14 days if unvaccinated, 7 and 14 days if unvaccinated and sweat neg result	Required	Required	Required	Village Council Pres: 907.444.5590, Village Admin: 907.230.1312, http://www.igigiugig.com/covid-19-updates
Iliamna	Allowed	test required if traveling from Anchorage (if trip is longer than 72 hours) and unvaccinated	travel request form required	14 days if unvaccinated, 7 and 14 days if unvaccinated and sweat neg result	Required	Required	Required	Village Council: 907.571.1246, iv@illiamavc.org , All forms and ordinances at: https://www.villageofilliamavc.org
Kokhanok	Allowed	test 5-7 days after arrival		14 days if unvaccinated	Required	Required	Required	Village Council: 907.282.2202, kokhanok_vc_@yahoo.com
Levelock				14 days if unvaccinated	Required	Required	Required	Village Council: 907.387.6187 levelockadmin@bhosas.com
Newhalen	airport screening required			14 days if unvaccinated	vaccinated permitted to gather	Required	Required	Tribal Council: 907.571.1410, joanewassill@newhalentribal.com, City of Newhalen: 907.571.1226, cityofnewhalen@gmail.com
Nondalton	Allowed	neg test and proof of vaccination required		10 days if unvaccinated	vaccinated permitted to gather	Required	Required	Tribal Council: 907.294.2257, nondaltontribe@yahoo.com
Pedro Bay	follow State health advisory 2	test 24 hours prior to arrival and at end of quarantine		7-10 days in addition to quarantine requirements if unvaccinated	Required	Required	Required	Village Council: 907.850.2225, frondevsk@pedrobay.com
Perryville	regional travel open for fully vaccinated	required for unvaccinated upon arrival; follow-up test recommended 5-7 days after arrival		14 days if unvaccinated	Required	Required	Required	Village Council: 907.853.2203, nativillageofperryville@outlook.com
Pilot Point	Allowed				Required	Required	Required	City of Pilot Point: 907.797.2206; Pilot Point Tribal Council: 907.797.2208
Port Alsworth	Allowed				Required	Required	Required	Port Alsworth Improvement Corp: 907-223-6514; portalsworth@gmail.com
Port Heiden	Allowed	recommended at day 8 after travel for unvaccinated			vaccinated permitted to gather	Required	Required	City of Port Heiden: 907.837.2209, Native Village of Port Heiden: 907.837.2296
Ugashik	travel limited to essential except for inter-village travel	required for non-Alaskans w/in 72 hours of travel; arrival for everyone	call tribal administrator before travel	14 days without a negative test and non-Alaskan should quarantine if unvaccinated. If someone comes back at day 5-7	vaccinated permitted to gather	Required	Required	Tribal Administrator: 907.632.2212, Manager: manager@ugashikvillage.com