GENERAL COVID-19 POLICY

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

The University of Alaska Fairbanks will be guided by CDC Guidance, State of Alaska Outbreak Health Orders, and UA Policies as they pertain to COVID-19. This document establishes policies that are not otherwise addressed in UAF policies.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Close contact: “Close contact” means being within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic persons, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. Individuals who recovered in the last 90 days from a COVID-19 infection without COVID-19 symptoms are not considered a “close contact.”

Isolation: Isolation is for people who have tested positive for COVID-19.

3.0 GENERAL ACCESS POLICY

Anyone coming onto university campuses or sites, including contractors, must comply with applicable operational guidelines and protective measures including the UAF Face Coverings Policy.

Any non-residential person that is COVID-19 positive may not come onto UAF premises.

Any non-residential person experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should monitor symptoms if symptoms are believed to be related to COVID-19.
4.0 PROCEDURES FOR CLOSE CONTACT and THOSE WITH COVID ILLNESS

4.1 Close contacts:
If you have been exposed to COVID-19 it is highly recommended but not required to:
● Take an at-home antigen test on day 5, day 7, and day 9 (sooner if you develop symptoms), or obtain a PCR/NAAT test on day 5, and
● Wear a well-fitting face covering for 10 days while around others.
● Avoid travel.

Over-the-counter test kits are available at the EHSRM office or by mail from the U.S. Postal Service.

4.2 COVID-positive individuals:
A COVID-positive individual must remain at home (or in their University assigned room, if they live in a UAF residence hall) for 5 days. On day 6 (the date of the test or first symptom is day 0), they may take an over-the-counter antigen test. If it is negative, their symptoms are resolving, and they are fever-free (without fever-reducing medication), they may return to class and work but must wear a well-fitted face covering for the remaining 5 days. If it is positive, they must remain at home and may take a second antigen test on day 8. If that is negative, they can return as outlined above. If it is positive, they need to remain at home for an additional 2 days. At that time (day 11), they can return to campus provided they do not have a fever and their symptoms are resolving. Over-the-counter test kits are available at the EHSRM office or by mail from the U.S. Postal Service.

5.0 REFERENCES RELIED UPON

UAF COVID-19 face coverings
CDC COVID-19 Guidance
FDA Recommendations

6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

UAF Policy 02.09.001
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Maintaining onsite operations depends on the ability to manage COVID-19 at UAF effectively. All individuals are responsible for being familiar with and adhering to UAF policies and guidelines.

7.0 NON-COMPLIANCE

University Employees:
University employees are expected to comply with these policies as a condition of employment. Non-compliance reports should be submitted to employee supervisors or to Human Resources.

University Students:
Students are expected to follow these policies at a location owned or operated by the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Students that fail to comply will be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct (09.02). Failure to comply with these policies could result in educational sanctions, university probation, loss of housing, suspension, or expulsion.

Members of the public, and visitors on campus:
Individuals who are not UAF employees or students and who fail to comply with these policies may be excluded from UAF facilities, property, or programs and will be subject to trespass from properties owned or operated by UAF.

8.0 EXEMPTIONS

None.

9.0 PROCEDURES

This policy document will be reviewed regularly

THIS POLICY IS EFFECTIVE AS OF January 21, 2021. THE POLICY IS APPROVED:

Daniel M. White, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Date: August 31, 2022