

2021 Covid-19 Action Plan

Even though expired Alaska Health Order 05 required Fishing Lodges to file a Community/Workforce Protective Plan (“CWPP”) with Unified Command, the current Health Advisory 04 does not. However, we are creating a Covid-19 Action Plan (“CAP”) to consolidate information related to travel and operational procedures relevant to staff, client and community safety.

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2021 Summer Operational Dates:

June 4 to October 2

Tent Camp Locations:

Alaska Wilderness OUTPOST (“AWO”)

~40 southeast of King Salmon, AK in Becharof National Wildlife Refuge

Alaska Wilderness SAFARI (“AWS”)

~120 south of King Salmon, AK in Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge

1. PURPOSE

It is the goal of EPIC Angling & Adventure (“EAA”) to keep our clients, staff, contractors and communities that support our operations safe and healthy, and to minimize the risk of exposure to Covid-19 (“C-19”) during the course of our operational season.

Application of this plan does not guarantee the health and safety of the clients, staff, contractors and communities associated with EAA. Adherence to this plan is intended to minimize the spread of C-19 along with other infectious diseases.

2. SCOPE

This CAP document does not outline and explain every last detail regarding C-19 safety. The important concepts and procedures, and some details, will be contained within this document. The exhaustive details may be found in the documents listed in section 4 below.

Furthermore, EAA realizes that the majority of our staff and clients will likely be fully vaccinated prior to arriving Alaska and our camps, which will inherently increase the safety for everyone. However, some individuals may forego being vaccinated for whatever reason that is important to those individuals; we certainly respect that choice. However, for that reason we must remain vigilant.

The CAP covers all staff of EAA. Each employee is required to read this CAP document. All clients will be provided access to an [online version of the CAP](#) and asked to read it.

3. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There is a plethora of inconsistent information at the State and Federal level regarding business operational requirements during the C-19 Pandemic. It is difficult to find a reliably updated source of information. For instance, it is easy to find one State of Alaska website still quoting expired Health Orders (“HO”) and/or Health Mandates (“HM”), when it seems clear that Health Advisories (“HA”) are currently in effect (since most HOs and HMs expired on February 14, 2021).

Often times the only significant difference between the HOs and HMs versus HAs is semantics, *must* vs. *should (or advised to)*. In addition, the CDC has issued guidance more recently than the State of AK.

Based on our current research we intend to generally follow the information outlined in State of Alaska HA 2, HA 4, and HA 4 Appendix 3. However, CDC guidance may overrule the State of Alaska guidance in some situations.

HA 4.5 classifies our business as a Critical Infrastructure (“CI”) Workforce, and further defines us an “Independent Commercial Fishing Harvester.” HA 4.5.b states we are not required to develop or submit a CWPP, but we should “enact the protective measures and procedures described in Appendix 4-03...” Our version of the not required CWPP is this CAP document.

4. SOURCES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

- a. State of Alaska [HA 2](#), [HA 4](#), [HA 4 Appendix 3](#)
- b. EAA [Client Travel Plan and Acknowledgement](#)
- c. [CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility \(updated April 5, 2021\)](#)
- d. [CDC Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People \(update April 27, 2021\)](#)

- e. [CDC Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed C-19 \(updated Dec 3, 2020\)](#)

5. HEALTH ADVISORY COMPLIANCE

- a. EAA will follow State of Alaska HAs, will monitor for new HAs, and will monitor for changes to existing HAs by checking the [State of Alaska C-19 HA website](#) regularly. We do not have internet at either operation but will rely on EAA personal not onsite to check for updates.
- b. According to [U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Safety Information Bulletin 02-20](#), illness of a person on board any vessel that may adversely affect the safety of a vessel or port facility is a hazardous condition per 33 CFR 160.216.
 - a. Although we utilize boats at our operations, we will not boat in or out of any public port.

6. EMPLOYEE ARRIVAL TO ALASKA

- a. Independent of vaccination status, all staff must arrive in Alaska with a negative C-19 molecular test within 72 hours of departing for Alaska.
- b. Staff are encouraged to be fully vaccinated prior to arriving Alaska for work, but vaccination is a personal choice and is not mandatory.
- c. Staff are strongly encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing in their hometowns for 14 days prior to their departure to Alaska.
- d. Staff who must overnight in Alaska in a hotel prior to arriving our operations must:
 - a. Maintain 6 ft social distancing outside their hotel room.
 - b. Wear a mask in public.
 - c. Avoid and minimize time in public places.
 - d. Avoid dining in restaurants or bars.
- e. Staff will be quarantined and monitored at our operations for 8 to 14 days prior to client arrival, depending on the operation.

7. EMPLOYEE TRAINING & EDUCATION

- a. All staff will read this CAP.
- b. All staff will receive training on Basic Infection Control, including washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer containing > 60% alcohol, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
- c. Staff will receive training on safe food handling practices.
- d. Staff will receive training on preparing and using cleaning and/or sanitization products.
- e. Staff will receive training in proper wearing of protective gear and when gear should be worn.

8. WORKFORCE, CLIENT, COMMUNITY SAFETY

- a. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - i. PPE will consist of, at minimum, cloth face coverings.
 - ii. Disposable gloves will be utilized when necessary.
 - iii. When groups of people are present, PPE will be worn at all times inside the AWO and AWS cook tent (except when immediately eating or drinking), inside the AWS dry tent, inside all aircraft.

- b. Hygiene
 - i. Regular and thorough hand washing is required, or the application of > 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer (denatured ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol).
 - ii. No common food sources will be permitted (e.g., shared bags of chips, community beverages).
 - iii. All food handling will be administered by the kitchen crew who will at all times follow CDC guidelines for food handling and preparation.
 - iv. All serving of food at the operations will be provided by staff utilizing PPE.
- c. Social Distancing
 - i. Staff and clients will practice social distancing at all times reasonable and practical.
- d. Sanitation**
 - i. Commonly touched surfaces will be cleaned daily.
 - ii. Upon guest departure sleeping bag and pillow cases will be changed, sleeping bags will be sanitized with a Lysol or Lysol-equivalent disinfectant spray, surfaces touched by guests during their stay will be sanitized.
 - iii. Food preparation locations will be sanitized daily.

9. OPERATIONAL GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

- a. By the inherent natures of our remote operations, there is ample outdoor space for staff and clients to maintain social distancing.
- b. Clients will reside in double-occupancy tents spaced throughout our two operational camp sites.
 - i. AWS tent spacing is more than generous – most tents are 20 or more feet apart.
 - ii. AWO tent spacing is tight – only a few feet apart – because of an electric perimeter bear fence.
- c. Double-occupancy client tents are occupied by clients within their own group (family or close friends).
- d. Single-occupancy client tents are available to prevent bunking clients that do not know each other.
- e. Staff will reside in double-occupancy tents.
- f. There will be two, instead of the usual three, approximately 6' long dining tables spaced well apart inside the AWS dining tent for client's use.
 - i. During some operational weeks, it is impractical to maintain social distancing at the AWS dining tables between mixed-groups if/when all clients are seated simultaneously.
- g. There is a single small dining table within the AWO dining tent.
 - i. During all operational weeks, it is impractical to maintain social distancing at the AWO dining table between mixed-group clients when all clients are seated simultaneously.
- h. Alternate dining spaces are available for clients if they prefer or if we recommend.
 - i. During good weather, there are plenty of outdoor dining areas.
 - ii. During inclement weather, a tarp shelter or the client's own sleeping tent may be used.
- i. Dining areas for staff will be in a completely separate locale with respect to client dining areas.
 - i. At AWS, staff will dine in the Dry Tent.
 - ii. At AWO, staff will eat at an outside table or under a tarp shelter during inclement weather

10. CLIENT TRAVEL

- a. **All clients (vaccinated and not vaccinated) must arrive our camps with a negative molecular C-19 test taken within 72 hours of their departure to Alaska, or within 96 hours of arriving either camp if they are already in Alaska.**
 - i. Why? The extreme remote camp locations, which includes the lack of excess overflow and alternate facilities (for isolation and/or indoor social distancing), lack of definitive medical care, complicated logistics, potential for weather-related flying delays and high cost of air charter services.
 - ii. In spite of [CDC guidance for vaccinated travelers](#), HA2 still suggest interstate travelers *should* arrive AK with a negative C-19 test. **Even if HA2 drops the suggestion, this requirement will remain in place throughout the 2021 operational season, until further notice.**
- b. **We cannot overstate how extremely important it is that no clients show up to our camps with a C-19 infection. We strongly encourage all clients to take this seriously, as there are severe health and financial consequences for many people (our staff, other clients and our business).**
- c. While in transit to our operations, clients who overnight in Anchorage or King Salmon are strongly encouraged to wear masks, to maintain social distancing, and to avoid dining/drinking in local bars/restaurants, and to minimize interaction with the public.
- d. Prior to their departure to Alaska, clients should minimize their exposure to possible C-19 infection sources and pathways in their hometowns.
- e. Further client travel guidance is provided in the [Client Travel Plan and Acknowledgement](#).

11. DAILY STAFF AND CLIENT SCREENING

- a. See [HA4 Appendix 3, Section V](#) for details.
- b. Staff and clients will be screened daily with temperature and physical checks.
- c. Staff and clients who experience symptoms after their daily morning screening shall report immediately to the owner.

12. PROCEDURES FOR STAFF OR CLIENTS WHO BECOME ILL

- a. This section will be updated as more is learned about rapid C-19 and rapid influenza tests.
- b. See [HA4 Appendix 3, Section VIII](#) for details.
- c. Staff or clients who experience C-19 like symptoms will be isolated.
- d. A rapid C-19 test (Abbott BinaxNOW C-19 AG Self Test or similar) will be administered.
 - i. If C-19 test is positive for staff, they will be isolated for 14 days, unless directed differently from a medical professional.
 1. If there was no clear exposure to C-19, staff will be isolated for at least 72 hours after fever ends and symptoms improve.
 - ii. If C-19 test is positive for clients, they will be isolated until they can be transported back to King Salmon, AK at their own expense for further medical evaluation.
 - iii. If C-19 test is negative, a rapid influenza test will be administered.
 1. If test is positive, the individual will be isolated and treated as an influenza patient.
 2. If test is negative, the individual will be isolated and monitored.
- e. We will seek professional medical advice as needed.

- f. The Alaska Public Health Center in Anchorage at (907) 334-2000 will be notified of positive C-19 test results.

13. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLIENTS

- a. Clients will be provided and agree to EAA's [2021 Coivid-19 Client Travel Plan and Acknowledgement](#).
- b. Clients should strongly consider being fully vaccinated prior to their trip.
 - i. Per the CDC, fully vaccinated people are less likely to transmit C-19 to others.
- c. Clients are asked to report to EAA if any member of their party develops any C-19 like symptoms within 48 hours of trip completion, or tests positive for C-19 within 10 days after trip completion.
- d. EAA will not provide loaner clothing or fishing attire (e.g., waders, wading boots, rain jackets or pants, gloves, face coverings, etc.).
- e. Any fishing tackle that is provided will be disinfected upon the checkout of the individuals utilizing the gear or daily if the gear is shared by individuals from one day to another.
- f. Both operations are catch and release except for fish we retain for meals at camp. Therefore, clients do not take home any vacuum packaged fish that need to be sanitized.
- g. Bring your own disposable gloves if you want that level of protection.
- h. Please plan ahead for your trip. Shopping for gear or other items should be done in your home community as much as possible.
- i. If you do need to stop for supplies on your way, please wear your mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.
- j. Please avoid interacting with the local community by avoiding public areas, especially bars and restaurants.
- k. Order take-out dining for meals or cook in your hotel room.
- l. During your stay:
 - i. Eat your meals outside the dining tents whenever possible.
 - ii. Don't share your rod, food, beverages or clothes with others.
 - iii. Cough into your elbow, not your hands!
 - iv. Wash or sanitize your hands often.
 - v. Where face coverings where already noted.
 - vi. Avoid cooking and food prep areas.
 - vii. Be considerate of other guests who are either more or less concerned about C-19 than you are.**