

# ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



## SITUATION REPORT 20-329 • Nov 24, 2020

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SEOC Preparedness Level  Level 2 Heightened Awareness – For COVID-19 Response	http://ready.alaska.gov	National Terrorism Advisory System:  View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: read the current NTAS Bulletin here.
Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):  2019 Novel Coronavirus	Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level: FPCON Bravo

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are in red.)

THREAT LEVEL CHANGES: None.

#### **Significant Issues**

#### **Operations:**

The SEOC is monitoring a major storm that is impacting the western coast of Alaska and is forecasted to move into the Seward Peninsula later in the day.

#### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic:

A unified command has been established at the SEOC. The SEOC continues to support statewide response to COVID-19.

### State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)

DHSS is operating as the Medical Branch under the State EOC/Unified Command.

For more information about the outbreak refer to:

https://covid19.alaska.gov/

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

The Alaska DHSS website is located at <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx</a>

#### **NTAS BULLETIN**

To read current advisories, select the link below.

https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system

#### **Travel Alerts and Conditions**

COVID-19 Health Orders may affect travel. Check <a href="https://covid19.alaska.gov/">https://covid19.alaska.gov/</a> for current Health Orders.

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to <a href="http://511.alaska.gov/">http://511.alaska.gov/</a>

#### **Recent Earthquakes**

USGS Earthquake Information: http://earthquake.usgs.gov/ National Tsunami Warning Center: http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/

#### **Alaska Volcanoes**

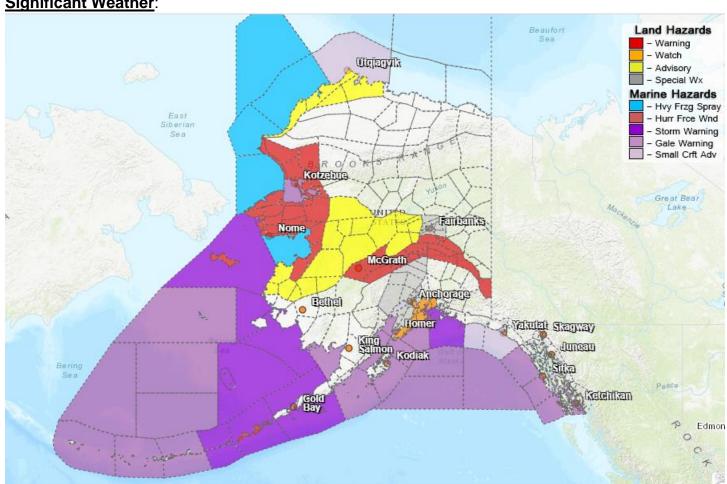
Korovin Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: https://www.avo.alaska.edu/

#### Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index

Significant Weather:



A Special Weather Statement has been issued for Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley, Western Kenai Peninsula, and the Western Prince Willaim Sound. Two storm systems bringing winds, rain, and heavy snow precipitation are expected to impact the region over the next three days.

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for the following areas:

- Lower Koyukuk & Middle Yukon Valley until 6:00 A.M. Wednesday. 3 to 6 inches of snow with localized amounts of up to 10 inches.
- Northern & Western Arctic Coasts until 9:00 P.M. tomorrow. Blowing snow & winds gusting to 45mph
- o Central Interior until 9:00 A.M. Thursday. 3 to 6 inches of snow
- o Lower Yukon Valley until 9:00 P.M. Wednesday. 2 to 4 inches of snow

A High Wind Warning has been issued for the following areas:

- Eastern Aleutians and the Pribilof Islands until 9:00 A.M today. 55 to 65 mph gusting to 80 mph
- Upper Kuskokwim Valley until noon Wednesday. 30 to 40 mph gusting to 70 mph
- o Denali from 9:00 P.M. Tuesday until 3:00 P.M. Wednesday. 45 mph gusting to 70mph
- o Deltana & Tanana. From midnight Wednesday until 3:00 P.M. 40mph gusting to 70mph
- Eastern Alaska Range. From midnight Wednesday until 6:00 P.M. 40mph gusting to 80mph

A High Wind Watch is in effect until 4:00 P.M. tomorrow for Anchorage and the Western Prince William Sound. East winds of 40 to 60mph with gusts to 80 mph are expected along the Turnagain Arm and higher elevations.

A Blizzard Warning remains in effect until midnight tonight for the Chukchi Sea Coast, Baldwin Peninsula, and Selawik Valley. 2 to 5 inches of snow accumulations and winds gusting to 55mph are expected across the area.

A Winter Storm Warning is in effect for the following areas:

- St. Lawrence Island and the Bering Strait Coast until 9:00 P.M. today. 2 to 5 inches of snow accumulation with localized amounts of up to 7 inches along with winds gusting to 60mph are expected across the area.
- Northern, Southern & Interior Seward Peninsula until 6:00 A.M. tomorrow. 4 to 8 inches of snow accumulation with localized amounts of up to 13 inches along the Cockroach rd.
- Eastern Norton Sound and Nulato Hills until 3:00 P.M. tomorrow. 4 to 8 inches of snow accumulation with up to 11 inches in the Nulato Hills.
- Lower Kobuk & Noatak Valleys until 8:00 P.M. tomorrow. 4 to 8 inches of snow accumulation and winds gusting to 45mph.

A Coastal Flood Advisory is in effect for the Yukon Delta Coast until 3:00 P.M. tomorrow. Flooding 3 to 5 feet above the normal high tide line is expected in the region.

A High Surf Advisory is in effect for the Southern Seward Peninsula Coast from Nome to Golovin & St. Lawrence Island & Bering Strait Coast beginning at midnight on 11/24 until 6:00 P.M. 11/25. Waves and surf 3 to 5 feet above the normal high tide line are possible. Water may approach homes in the Belmont Point area.

A Special Weather Statement is in effect until 9:15 P.M. today for Shishmaref. Water levels are expected to rise 2 to 3 feet above the normal high tide lines.

For more information and the most current weather, Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to: <a href="http://www.weather.gov/arh">http://www.weather.gov/arh</a>

**Avalanche Forecast:** 



There are areas around Cordova, Chilkat Pass, and Haines with considerable avalanche risk.

Check the Avalanche Forecast Center closest to your area for the most up to date information on Avalanche potential. https://alaskasnow.org/ or https://www.weather.gov/afc/avalanche

#### **Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances**

The ADEC Spill Prevention and Response page is located at:

http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/

#### **Alaska Cyber Security Information**

State Employees may sign up for cybersecurity notifications and alerts at <a href="https://oit.alaska.gov/Security">https://oit.alaska.gov/Security</a>

<u>The Next Situation Report:</u> will be 25 November 2020. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report.

This report is posted on the internet at <a href="https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep">https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep</a>. To register for email distribution, go to <a href="http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/dhsem.situation.report">http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/dhsem.situation.report</a>. Direct questions regarding this report to the SEOC at 907-428-7100 or seoc@alaska.gov.