



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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

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

**THREAT LEVEL CHANGES:**

None

**Significant Issues:**

The SEOC has moved to Preparedness Level 2 and continues to monitor and support the ongoing response to both COVID-19 and the southeast storm recovery efforts.

**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 <http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

**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 <https://covid19.alaska.gov/> for current Health Orders.

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

## Recent Earthquakes

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/>

## Alaska Volcanoes

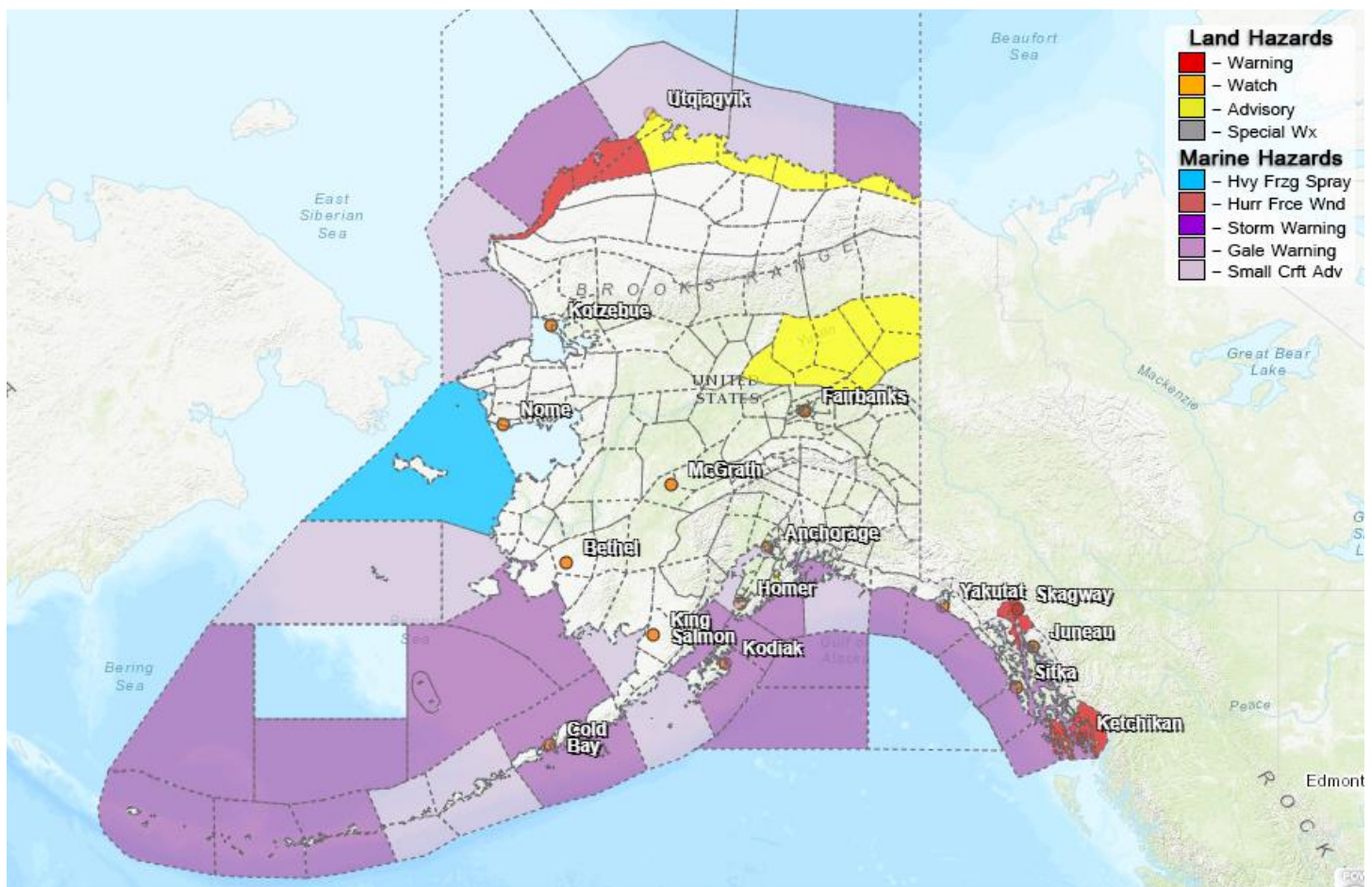
For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

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

- Western Arctic Coast until 6:00 P.M. today. Winds gusting as high as 50mph will cause areas of blowing and drifting snow, reducing visibility.

- Haines Borough, Lynn Canal, Taiya Inlet & the Klondike Highway from 9:00 A.M. today. Heavy snow is expected with total snow accumulations of 6 to 13 inches possible and winds gusting as high as 45mph near White Pass.
- Misty Fjords & Hyder until 9:00 P.M. today. Heavy snow is possible with total accumulations of 12 to 16 inches.

A High Wind Warning is in effect for the following areas:

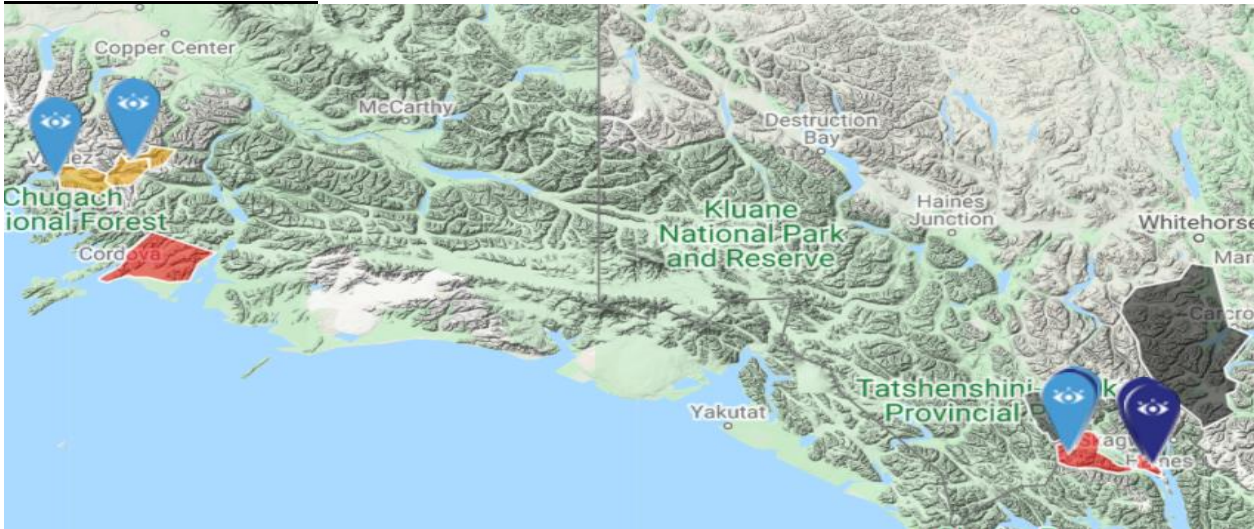
- Ketchikan, Metlakatla, and the Cape Decision Coastal area until noon today. Southeast winds of 25 to 35mph with gusts to 60mph are expected.

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for the Northern Arctic Coast, and the Central & Eastern Beaufort Sea Coast until 6:00 P.M. today. Winds gusting to 45mph will cause areas of blowing and drifting snow, reducing visibility.

A Flood Advisory is in effect for the Western Prince William Sound and Western Kenai Peninsula until 9:00 P.M. today. Heavy snowfall transitioning to rain along with warming temperatures may result in ice jams and minor flooding throughout the area.

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

### **Avalanche Forecast:**



- Areas near Valdez, and along the Richardson Highway with Moderate risk.
- Areas near Cordova, Haines, & Chilkat Pass with High 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

<https://oit.alaska.gov/Security>

**The Next Situation Report:** will be 24 December 2020. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report.

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