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<p><b><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></b> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p>	<p><a href="http://ready.alaska.gov">http://ready.alaska.gov</a></p>	<p><b><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></b> 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> Level: 1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><b>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</b> <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** SEOC LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

**Significant Issues**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**

On March 11, 2020, Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the COVID-19 anticipated outbreak. The declaration initiates a unified command structure between the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), and the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and fully engages state departments to utilize all capabilities to ensure a swift and effective COVID-19 response. A unified command has been established at the SEOC. The SEOC Preparedness Level remains at Level 2 – Heightened Awareness.

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

DHSS is closely monitoring the rapidly-emerging outbreak of (COVID-19). On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) determined that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic.

For more information about the outbreak refer to:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

<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 the current bulletin, select the link below to view the PDF version:

[https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/ntas/alerts/20\\_0118\\_ntas\\_bulletin.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/ntas/alerts/20_0118_ntas_bulletin.pdf)

## **Travel Alerts and Conditions**

No alerts at this time.

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**

**Cleveland** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

**Great Sitkin** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

**Semisopchnoi** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

**Shishaldin** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

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

## **Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories**

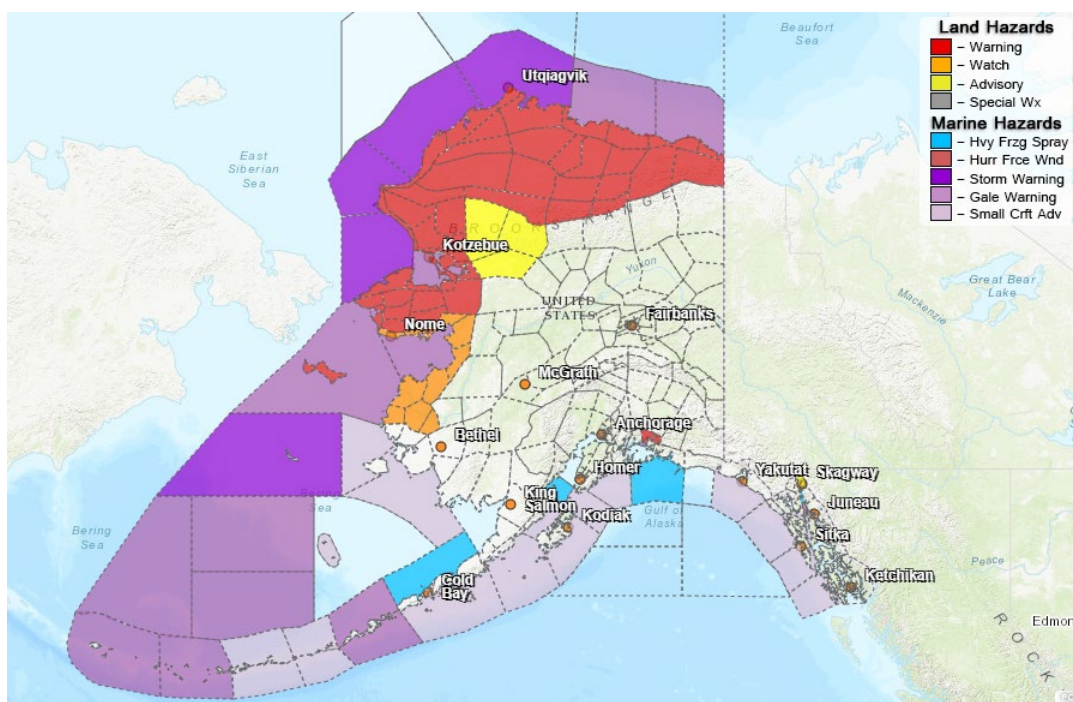
An Air Quality Stage 1 Alert is in effect for Fairbanks until noon today.

An Air Quality Stage 2 Alert is in effect for North Pole until noon today.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

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

## **Significant Weather:**



A very strong storm is moving from Siberia into the Arctic from this afternoon into Friday, and is forecast to move east along the Arctic and Beaufort Sea coasts through Saturday. Multiple Blizzard Warnings are in effect for all of the northwest and northern areas of the state from the Seward Peninsula to the Eastern Beaufort Sea Coast starting on Thursday and extending through Saturday. On the margins of the blizzard area, a Winter Storm Watch is in effect for Norton Sound and the Yukon Delta, and a Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for Eastern Norton Sound, the Nulato Hills, Lower Kobuk and Noatak Valleys.

A High Wind Warning is in effect for Thompson Pass through this afternoon.

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

### **Avalanche Hazards**

**Cordova:** Avalanche Hazard is moderate above 2,000 feet and low below 2,000 feet.

**Valdez:** Avalanche Hazard is considerable above 1,500 feet and moderate below 1,500 feet.

**Turnagain Pass:** Avalanche Hazard is moderate at all levels.

For more information and the most current avalanche forecasts go to: <https://alaskasnow.org/>

### **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 cyber security notifications and alerts at

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

**The Next Situation Report:** will be 16 March 2020 at 8:00 am. 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).