



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &
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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> Level 3 – For COVID-19 Response</p>	<p>http://ready.alaska.gov</p>	<p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u> View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: read the current NTAS Bulletin here.</p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level: 1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19): 2019 Novel Coronavirus</p>	<p><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo</p>

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

THREAT LEVEL CHANGES: None.

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 3 for this event. An incident-specific situation report for the COVID-19 response will be distributed with this report.

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

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: Watch and Aviation Color Code: Orange

Shishaldin Alert Level: Watch and Aviation Color Code: Orange

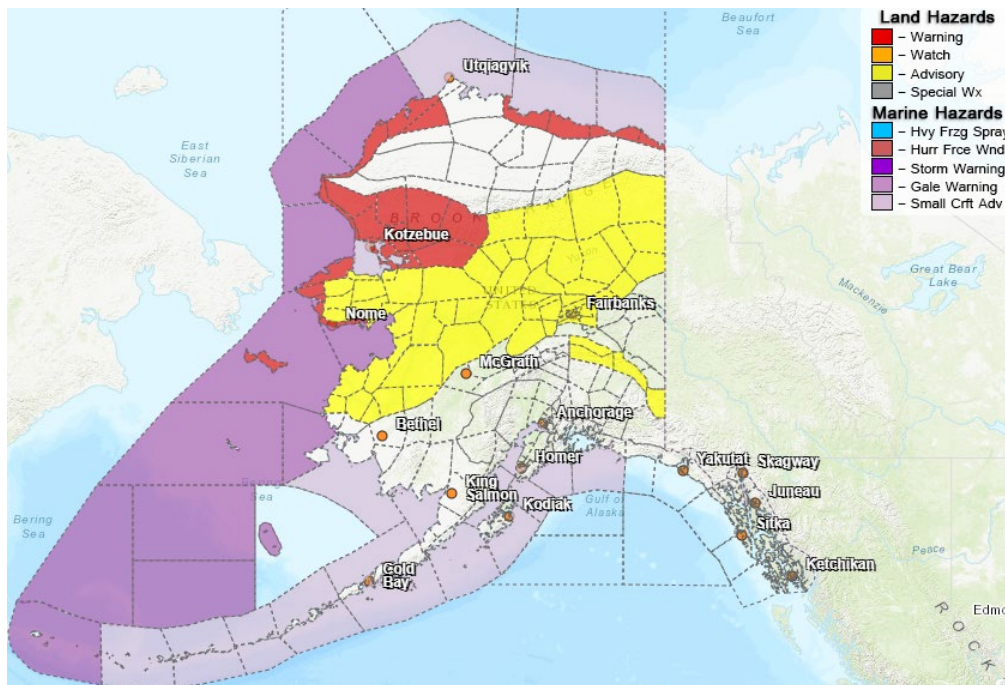
For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

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:



Winter storm warnings are in effect for the Chukchi Sea Coast, St Lawrence Island and Bering Strait Coast, Southern Seward Peninsula Coast, Lower Kobuk and Noatak Valleys, Upper Kobuk and Noatak Valleys, and Baldwin Peninsula and Selawik Valley through Friday.

Blizzard warnings are in effect for the Chukchi Sea Coast from Point Hope to Wainwright through midnight tonight and for the Beaufort Sea Coast from Nuiqsut to the Canada border through Saturday morning.

Winter weather advisories are in effect across the middle of the state through Friday.

Wind advisories are in effect for the Eastern Alaska Range through midnight tonight.

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 moderate at all levels.

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 20 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.