

Deshka Landing Charters & Lodge

Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan, Phase 3-4 Guidance



To our valued clients,

Jim and I hope you, your families and your employees continue to be safe and healthy. The King Salmon fishing has been a lot of fun the past two weeks. You can check out recent photos on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/DeshkaLandingChartersLodge>, Instagram https://www.instagram.com/deshka_landing_charters_lodge/ or our "Photos" tab of our website <https://www.Deshka.com>. We continue to work hard to stay on top of communication from our local, state and federal leaders in relation to COVID-19 guidelines. As I mentioned in a previous email, Alaska Governor, Mike Dunleavy has put in place a "Reopen Alaska Responsibly" Plan. The three main components to the plan are: 1) Practice Good Hygiene, 2) Practice Social Distancing, and 3) Stay Home If You Are Sick. Those of you who have stayed with us in the past know hygiene/cleanliness is a priority for us in the cabins, in the lodge, on the property and on the boats. Many of the new guidelines are safe practices we already engage in. They have now released phases 3 and 4. Below I have summarized the info so each of you will know what to expect when you arrive for your amazing experience in Alaska. I have also included links for those who are interested in the additional details. You can call us at the lodge (907) 495-5873 or email: Jim@Deshka.com with any additional questions.

With the new phase of the plan from the governor, many of the mandates I sent out in the last email have become "recommendations". Of course, we will continue to our high standards of cleaning and sanitizing for the comfort of our staff and guests. The main update that affects our clients is travel declarations and COVID-19 testing which began this week for all travelers entering the state of Alaska. In summary, you will need to get a COVID-19 test **taken** within 72 hours of **arrival** in Alaska. Showing a negative COVID-19 test result will allow you to travel within the state without restriction. Another option is to take a COVID-19 test **at the Anchorage Airport**. You will need to **quarantine until you receive your negative test results**. For those traveling straight from the airport to the lodge this will not impede your plans. If your itinerary calls for additional travel in the state **before** coming to the lodge you will need to quarantine where you are staying (no tourist activities, grocery store etc) until you receive your results. You can read the details here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>. Our first guests entering the state during this phase will arrive on Sunday, June 14th. We will share with you any feedback they give.

Business Responsibilities listed in Phase 4

All businesses should assist individuals with personal mitigation strategies including:

1. Opportunities for frequent hand washing
[We have 4 hand washing sinks available in the lodge. Each has anti-bacterial soap.](#)
2. Maintaining opportunities for 6 foot distancing between all non-family members.
 - a. This may include distanced tables, one way entrances, limited capacity services, and increased outdoor services.
[We have spread out our dining tables and also added four outside tables so that households can safely distance from one another.](#)
3. Encourage face covering / masks.
[We have reusable masks available for guests in size S, M and L. Guests can use & return them to be sanitized at no charge. Mask info: 100% Polyester Wind Resistant Fleece. This face mask has been developed with the user's comfort in mind with contouring in the face to ensure a good fit as well as reduce leakage to the greatest extent possible. The ties can be fully adjusted and will stretch to accommodate a wide range of sizes. 100% Polyester Wind Resistant Fleece was chosen for this mask for its single layer filtration properties published by the Oxford University Press. Our masks qualify under the current CDC Coronavirus / COVID-19 guidelines for medical professionals when certified PPE \(Personalized Protective Equipment\) is scarce or has run out. This is NOT an n95 mask.](#)
4. Screening for people are ill and limiting entrance to those who are healthy.
[We ask that those who are feeling ill, not stay at the lodge. We are willing to refund guests reservation fee should they need to cancel due to illness. We also screen staff daily to make sure nobody is working when ill.](#)
5. Regular cleaning and extra attention to high touch surfaces.
[In addition to our already rigorous cleaning schedule we are sanitizing high traffic areas even more frequently than normal. We have also placed anti-bacterial wiped & hand sanitizer out for guest use.](#)