

# Deshka Landing Charters & Lodge

## COVID- 19 Guidance



To our valued clients,

Happy New Year! Jim and I hope you, your families and your employees are safe and healthy. We continue to work hard to stay on top of communication from our local, state and federal leaders in relation to COVID-19 guidelines. 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. The most recent update from the state was released on December 16, 2020. 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.

Before traveling to Alaska you will need to do two things 1)complete an online travel declaration 2)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. Both of these procedures have been in place since June 14<sup>th</sup> of 2020. Our guests that fished during last year's king and silver salmon seasons visited the lodge under these guidelines and had an enjoyable stay. You can read the details here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>.

## Business Responsibilities listed in "Reopen Alaska Responsibly"

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 limit the number of guests at the lodge to 12 per week. 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 who 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 should they need to cancel due to a COVID-19 positive test result. 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.](#)

We want everyone to have an enjoyable stay at Deshka Landing Charters & Lodge. If you have additional questions, please call us at the lodge (907) 495-5873 or email: [Jim@Deshka.com](mailto:Jim@Deshka.com) We look forward to seeing you this summer! Jim & Rhe