

# North Slope Quarantine and Health Log FAQs

This document answers frequently asked questions related to the implementation of the *North Slope Quarantine Plan*, an addendum to BPXA's *North Slope COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Procedure*.

## What is changing?

- The *North Slope Quarantine Plan* modifies the 14-day quarantine requirement for BP employees and contractors who have traveled outside Alaska within 14 days of traveling to the North Slope. Instead of quarantine in Anchorage, personnel must follow specific guidelines for the first 14 days of their hitch, as described in the *North Slope Quarantine Plan*.

## Why is this change being made?

- At the onset of the pandemic, our GPB camps and clinics were not adequately equipped to address COVID-19-related issues. The original plan allowed time to develop appropriate procedures to keep the virus off the North Slope and help us prepare in case the virus made it to the North Slope. These measures are now in place, and BPXA is prepared to transition from quarantine in Anchorage to a proactive reliance on screening and protective measures on the North Slope. Please refer to the *North Slope Quarantine Plan* for further information.

## I live in Alaska. If I use commercial transportation (air, bus, train, or boat) to arrive in Anchorage for my Charter flight, will I still have to quarantine for 14 days?

- No. Critical infrastructure personnel may use commercial means of transportation to arrive in Anchorage. Please ensure you have your letter declaring your status as critical infrastructure.

## I live in Alaska, but I traveled outside the state within 14 days of my hitch. Do I have to quarantine before traveling to the North Slope?

- No, but you must follow the *North Slope Quarantine Plan* for your first 14 days (after your arrival in Alaska) on the North Slope.

## I live outside Alaska. Do I have to quarantine in Anchorage for 14-days when I arrive?

- No, but you must travel directly to the North Slope and follow the *North Slope Quarantine Plan* for your first 14 days on the North Slope. If you arrived in Alaska before your travel to the Slope you must follow the *North Slope Quarantine Plan* for your first 14 days (after your arrival in Alaska) on the North Slope.

## I am traveling to Alaska and will not be able to coordinate my arrival flight with my Charter flight without spending a night in Anchorage. You just told me I must travel directly to the North Slope... What should I do?

- The *North Slope Quarantine Plan* provides guidance for this situation. Please contact your supervisor to develop your approved travel plan.

### I am a contractor working at GPB, can I quarantine at the camps?

- If your employer has received State of Alaska approval for their submitted plan or protocol as required by the State of Alaska's Health Mandate #10 **AND** that plan meets the requirements set forth in BP's plan, then you may quarantine at BP's camps.

### What if I am asked to complete a State of Alaska *Mandatory Travel Declaration Form*? How should I answer it?

- The State of Alaska requires all international and interstate travelers to complete the Travel Declaration Form. It asks the traveler where they have traveled in the previous 14 days, their home address, and their quarantine address. As critical infrastructure personnel you may or may not be asked to complete this form, but if you are asked, and you do not have a home in Alaska, your "quarantine address" is to be **BP Exploration Alaska: Prudhoe Bay**. This process is described in the *North Slope Quarantine Plan* on file with the State of Alaska.

### I've traveled internationally or interstate within the last 14 days and plan to be on the Slope for a hitch that is less than the 14 day protective period (or have to depart early). What do I need to do?

- Individuals who have traveled internationally or interstate in the last 14 days and who remain in Alaska prior to completing their 14 day protective period are personally responsible for complying with the applicable Alaska Health Mandates. Under current requirements, people who have worked at Greater Prudhoe Bay fewer than 14 days after international/interstate travel are required to complete a quarantine period at a quarantine location in Alaska (if remaining in Alaska) or depart the State.

### I am an out of state employee, where and how do I get my temperatures taken while in the camps?

It is the expectation that employees will have a personal thermometer when travelling to GPB, where this is not the case there will be thermometers at the front desk of PBOC MCC BOC and tarmac for use to record your daily temperatures. In addition, all the major production facilities have thermometers available for employees to record their temperatures.

### I arrived on the North Slope by some other means than BPXA-provided transportation. Can I access BPXA camps and facilities?

- Only individuals billeted at BPXA camps may enter the camps through means other than BPXA-provided transportation. These individuals shall also conform with the *North Slope Quarantine Plan*.
- Individuals not billeted at BPXA camps may only access facilities other than camps (daytrip).

### I'm currently in quarantine. What do I do now?

You have two options:

- You may return to your home...
  - *In Alaska*, and prepare to travel to the North Slope when it is time to begin your shift.

- *Outside Alaska*, and prepare to complete a 14-day protective period when you next arrive on the North Slope, as described in the *North Slope Quarantine Plan*. The cost of travel home will not be covered by the company.
- You may remain in your current quarantine location and wait for your hitch to begin. The company will continue to cover daily hotel and per diem costs for BP Alaska employees quarantining in Anchorage in line with current practice.

**Once the *North Slope Quarantine Plan* is in place or Mandate 10 is repealed can personnel return to the Slope immediately?**

- Please contact your supervisor. Supervisors will work with their affected personnel to ensure staffing levels remain fit for purpose.

**Does this mean we are going back to our regular schedules?**

- At this time the work schedule is 3 X 3. Supervisors will work with their teams to revert back to the 2x2 after the new plan is in effect on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**What options are available to Higher Risk Employees (HREs) who are no longer comfortable working on the North Slope because of the change in quarantine practices?**

- We have implemented a robust monitoring plan for HREs on the North Slope and have plans in place which allow us to respond quickly in the event an HRE or any employee starts exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. Beginning June 1, excused absence (with pay) will no longer be offered for business critical HRE's to work from home.

**Will we revert back to Anchorage quarantine if we have instances of COVID-19 on the Slope?**

- We have developed robust protective measures to guard our workforce, operational capacity, and surrounding communities, and implemented a medical response plan to isolate and remove a suspected COVID-19 patient and any close contacts from the North Slope. We do not intend to return to the original quarantine plan. However, the *North Slope Quarantine Plan* includes a provision for quarantine based on unique or unforeseen circumstances.

**Will we revert to quarantine if the situation in the L48 deteriorates and there is a significant spike in COVID-19 cases (second wave), which may increase the risk of the virus being carried into Alaska?**

- We will continue to follow guidance issued by the State of Alaska and rely on the protective measures already in place to guard our workforce, operational capacity, and surrounding communities. We will monitor the situation and will take appropriate action if necessary.

**If Health Mandate #10 remains in effect, don't we still have to comply with it?**

- Health Mandate 10 and it's "Attachment A" (*Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order*) requires companies defined as critical infrastructure to "submit a plan or protocol outlining procedures for avoiding the spread of COVID-19." BPXA's plan has been submitted to the State of Alaska and approved.

**Will we repeal these new requirements if Health Mandate 10 is repealed?**

The *North Slope Quarantine Plan* will be in place as long as Mandate 10 remains in effect, and continued until conditions allow for its repeal.

**Will we continue social distancing on aircraft?**

- Appropriate social distancing on the Alaska Airlines aircraft will continue. All personnel traveling to/from GPB on the charter are required to wear a face covering. Flight capacity on the northbound and southbound flights will follow guidance from the corporate doctor and medical team.

**Are the screening questions being modified?**

- Yes. Questions related to travel within the last 14 days have been modified. Questions related to your health log, personal health and proximity to others with COVID-19 symptoms remain the same.