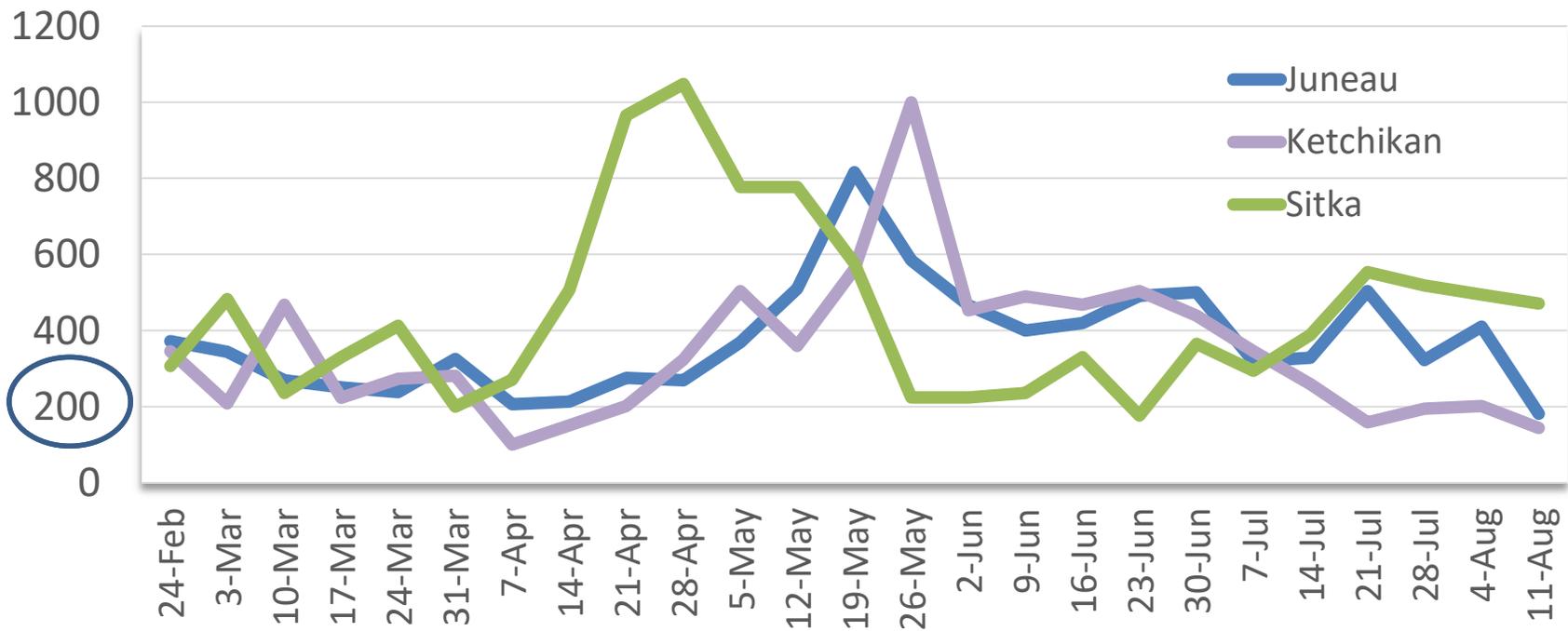


UAS Fall Semester and COVID - Updates, Questions, and Answers



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COVID Case Rates (per 100k)



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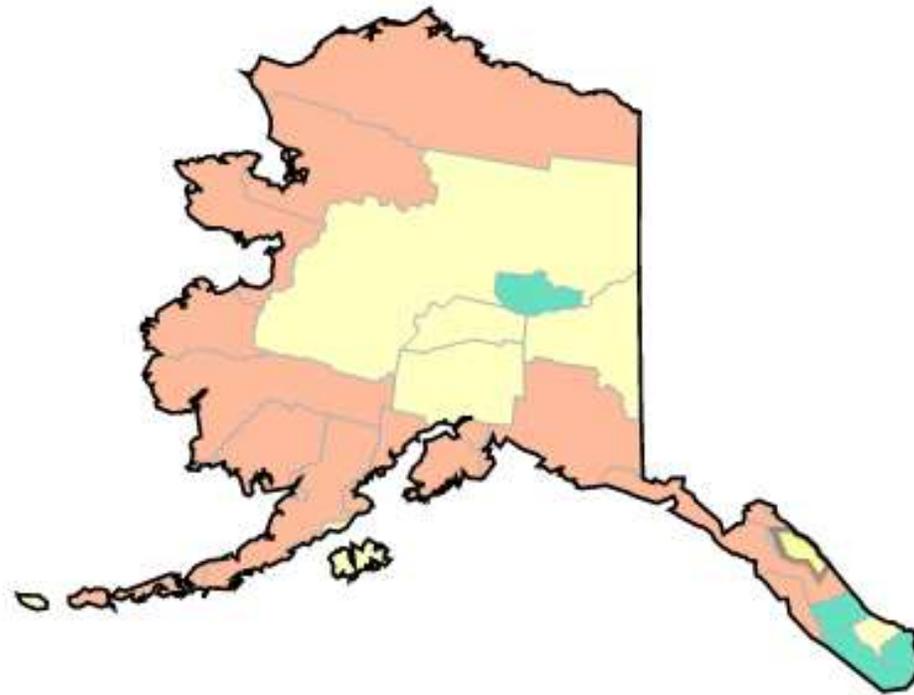
COVID Community Risk Levels

	24-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May
Juneau	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	High	Med.	Med.	Med.
Ketchikan	High	High	Med.	High	Med.	Med.	Low	Low	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.
Sitka	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	High	Med.	Med.	Med.

	19-May	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	4-Aug	11-Aug
Juneau	Med.	High	Med.	Med.	Med.	High	High	High	Med.	High	High	High	Med.
Ketchikan	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	Med.	High	High	High	High	Low
Sitka	Med.	High	Med.	Med.	Med.	Med.	High	High	Med.	High	High	High	High



COVID Levels Across Alaska (8/11/22)



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New CDC Guidance (8/11/2022)

- No difference in COVID protocols based on vaccination status
- No more quarantine after exposure
- No more contact tracing except in high-risk settings
- No more “test-to-stay” protocols in K-12 schools
- No more “surveillance testing” strategies



New CDC Guidance

- Get Vaccinated
- Get boosted as soon as you are able
- Isolate (min 5 days) if you have COVID
- Universal indoor masking if the COVID level is high
- Mask:
 - if you have been exposed
 - if you have underlying health conditions
 - If you are around vulnerable people



CDC Guidance: If you test positive...

- Isolate immediately
- Continue for 5 days
- End after 5 days if:
 - no fever for 24 hours
 - and other symptoms have reduced
- Masking required for 5 days after isolation



CDC Guidance:

If you are exposed to COVID...

- Wear a mask as soon as you find out
 - Continue for 10 days
 - Watch for symptoms
 - Isolate immediately, get tested
 - Stay off campus until symptoms are gone and a negative test
 - If no symptoms, get tested on day 6
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“Layered Protection” at UAS

- Strongly encourage vaccination, and require it for our residential students.
- Restrict access to anyone who is symptomatic
- Require masking in classrooms and instructional areas
- Seek physical distancing in classrooms and hallways
- Provide cleaning supplies and encourage good hygiene
- Provide good ventilation indoors and encourage outdoor gathering and activities



UAS Policies: Notification

If COVID symptomatic or having a positive test result:

- Employees must inform their supervisor and not come to campus (and contact uas.virusresponse@alaska.edu)
- Residential students must stay in their assigned residence and inform the housing office
- Non-Residential Students, visitors and contractors will not come to campus and should contact uas.virusresponse@alaska.edu if they have been on campus in the previous 48 hours

This notification requirement is under review given the new guidance



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UAS Policies: Masking

- Everyone is expected to have a face covering available
- Face coverings are required to be worn:
 - after exposure or isolation
 - in classrooms
 - In other indoor instructional spaces
 - in the student health and counseling spaces
 - In University provided transportation
 - in approved and posted indoor gathering spaces or events
 - as requested by an employee in offices or workspaces where 6' distancing cannot easily be maintained.
- **Face coverings are optional (safe and welcome) in all other situations**



FAQ Time!



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Frequently Asked Questions

- Are UAS campuses safe?
 - YES!
- What should I do if I learn someone in my class may have COVID?
 - uas.virusresponse@alaska.edu



FAQ: Masks

- Do my students have to wear masks?
 - Yes
- Do I have to wear one?
 - Yes
- What do I do if a student refuses to properly wear a face covering?
 - Contact the Dean of Students

<https://online.uas.alaska.edu/pub/maskpolicy>



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FAQ: Other measures

- Do we have to practice physical distancing?
 - As much as you can, yes
- Should I open the windows?
 - If you can comfortably do so, yes
- What about “enhanced cleaning”?
 - If you like, but the risk is very low



FAQ: Campus Access

- What should I do if someone in my class is sick?
 - **Send them home!**
- Will I have to quarantine if I am exposed to someone with COVID?
 - **Not anymore**
- What if a student can't come to class because of COVID restrictions?
 - **Arrange a temporary accommodation**



FAQ: Contacts

- **Who should I contact to explore classroom setup options?**
 - Nathan Leigh, Facilities Services Director: nleigh1@alaska.edu or 796-6487

- **What if I have specific safety or other COVID-related concerns?**
 - Ryan Sand, Emergency Management Planner: rgsand@alaska.edu or 796-6015
 - Michael Ciri, COVID Incident Commander: michal.ciri@alaska.edu or 796-6570



Closing thoughts from Fall 2020 (still applies today)

UAS encourages everyone to extend and assume:

- Flexibility
 - seek alternate working arrangements to accommodate life demands
- Adaptability
 - be prepared to change with changing conditions
- Sustainability
 - find what will work in the longer term
- Integrity
 - model integrity and assume it in others
- Grace & Compassion
 - we all are doing the best we can under extraordinary conditions



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