

# ALASKA SEARCH & RESCUE DOGS

## COVID-19 Training Policy

PURPOSE: ASARD will follow the guidelines of the CDC, State of Alaska, and Municipality recommendations and mandates. Refer to these web sights for more information.

RESOURCES: Current federal, state, and muni guidelines may conflict. ASAD recommends that members use their judgement to keep themselves and their teammates healthy.

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?>

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Alaska: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>

Anchorage: <https://covid-response-moa-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/pages/emergency-orders>

PRACTICES: As of July 20, 2020, the following practices are the most current for group trainings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Team members who are at higher risk will inform other teammates of more restrictive measures needed or refrain from attending team trainings.**

By coming to a group training, members are attesting that they have been completely symptom free. No person will be allowed to a training that does not satisfy all of the current COVID-19 screening precautions.

- Does not have a fever
  - All group trainings will be no more than 10 human participants.
  - No cough
  - No body aches, chills, or fever
  - No travel on commercial airline within the last 2 weeks
  - No contact with a person known to be COVID-19 positive within the last 2 weeks without proper PPE
  - Does not have loss of taste or smell
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- All participants will practice social distancing and be 6 feet or further apart.
  - All participants will wear a face masks, exceptions may apply when out in the field and at an appropriate distance from others.
  - Human contact with other handler's dogs will be minimized, including during the reward. Those hiding can use voice tone and body animation to motivate and reward the dog.
  - Scent articles will be handled either with gloves and/or immediate hand washing.
  - Hand sanitizer will be present at the training and utilized as needed.
  - Participants will try not to touch their face.

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