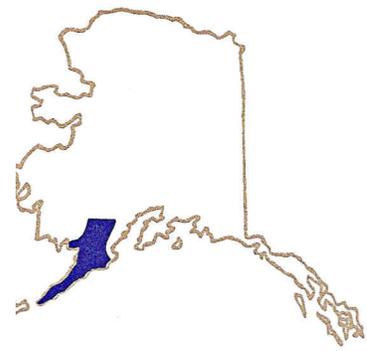




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June 2, 2021

Alaska Air Carriers Association  
Attn Jane Dale  
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Ms. Dale,

2020 was a difficult year for the world and for Alaska. In Lake and Peninsula Borough, we saw a significant decrease in tourism. Lodges didn't open, and the few that did faced reduced numbers and new restrictions. Our communities also enacted policies for travelers to safeguard residents. This year the vaccine is creating confidence and more people will be travelling. In talking with some lodges, we are hearing reports of more bookings this year than ever before as people bust out of quarantine and long for adventure.

Lake and Peninsula Borough welcomes this resurgence of travel and economy and is glad to see our lodges, guides, and air carriers experiencing this boon. Many of our residents have been vaccinated and have protected themselves and their families from possible viral infections, but not everyone can be or will be vaccinated, and the vaccine is not 100% effective, so our residents must still be cautious.

Healthcare is available in nearly every village in Lake and Peninsula Borough, but it is limited, and life-saving care is hundreds of miles away in the city. Rural Alaska is a great place to visit but getting sick here is dangerous for residents and guests alike. Lodges tell us that having a positive COVID-19 case could put their staff at risk, cause their facility to shut down for weeks, and worst of all, ruin their reputation and deter future guests.

Air Carriers have the unique ability to be the gatekeepers and to assist our businesses and communities in keeping everyone safe. As private businesses, air taxis can implement, and request passengers verify their vaccination and health status. Prescreening guests is as easy as asking a question and taking a quick temperature. Air carriers can refuse service to anyone and to do so keeps their crew and guests safe. It further keeps the communities they fly to safe and the lodges the guests free from any illness.

### **For these reasons we are reaching out to every air carrier and air service provider asking they:**

- **Ask all passengers if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in recent contact with anyone who has these symptoms.** If anyone has symptoms of COVID-19 or has been in recent contact with anyone who has symptoms, they should be denied flight and told to isolate from others and call State of Alaska public health nursing.
- **Take all passengers temperature with an instant read thermometer.** If anyone has a temperature of more than 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit, they should be denied flight and told to report immediately to State of Alaska public health nursing, or any health provider.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping to safeguard our people and economy. Your cooperation allows businesses to be able to safely operate and helps keep our families healthy. If you have any questions or need more information or resources, please feel free to contact the Lake and Peninsula Borough at 907-246-3421.

Thank you for your assistance,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glen R. Alsworth, Sr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Glen R. Alsworth, Sr.  
Mayor

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