



Aviation Advisory Board

Aviation Advisory Board Resolution No. 2020-2a

Resolution to Increase Passenger Air Travel Confidence and Commerce in Rural Communities during COVID-19 Pandemic

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Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted air travel and the transport of mail and cargo in Alaska, where more than 80% of the state’s communities are only served year-round by air; and

Whereas, the disruptions to air travel caused by the COVID-19 pandemic are damaging commerce, connectivity and essential travel across the state; and

Whereas, requiring passengers to wear face masks while onboard all commercial aircraft in the State of Alaska would aid in preventing the spread of the disease, at times when infection rates are high;

Whereas, the lack of uniform travel restrictions by individual communities hampers the ability of individual travelers and aviation companies providing travel services to respect and abide by the restrictions imposed locally.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Aviation Advisory Board recommends the State of Alaska and air carriers require passengers and crew on all commercial airlines in Alaska to wear a face mask during times of high infection rates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the State of Alaska require all communities imposing travel restrictions utilize a standard template and post all travel restrictions in a central repository (website) managed by the State of Alaska and continually updated.

Signed:
Lee M. Ryan, Aviation Advisory Board Chair

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