



# Anchorage Quarantine Station

## Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Anchorage Quarantine Station covers the international air, land, and sea ports of Alaska—a vast area larger than Texas, California, and Montana combined.

## Quarantine Station Activities

- Respond to reports of illness or deaths on airplanes, maritime vessels, and land border crossings to ensure appropriate actions are taken.
- Conduct emergency preparedness planning, training, and exercises involving port and community partners, including hospitals, local health institutions, and law enforcement.
- Screen and enforce entry requirements for animals, etiologic agents, and vectors deemed to be of public health significance.
- Review medical records of immigrants and asylees, and alert state and local health departments of specific medical conditions requiring evaluation or treatment.
- Provide travelers with essential health information.

## Alaska Ports of Entry Statistics 2007

- 1,029,800 cruise ship passengers per summer
- 194,200 vehicle passengers per year
- 44,430 passenger rail crossings per year

## Anchorage

- 700 cargo flight arrivals per week
- Currently ranks #1 in the United States for landed cargo, and an estimated 90% of cargo between Asia and North America pass through Anchorage.

**CDC Anchorage Quarantine Station**  
**(907) 271-6301 (24-hour access)**

**Office Hours of Operation:**  
**Monday–Friday: 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. AKT**  
**On call: 24 hours a day, 365 days a year**

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## Unique Characteristics of Alaska

Alaska is located 9.5 hours from 90% of the world, borders with Canada, and is 55 miles from Russia. Alaska has a larger coastline than that of the continental United States. Native

Tribal islands are located on international borders. Alaska is a landing zone for international MEDEVACs, emergencies, diversions, and corporate aviation traveling to and from the Far East. As northern sea ice melts, Alaska's shipping market has seen growing international cruise and cargo maritime activity.



## Quarantine Station Staff

- **Officer in Charge:** Shahrokh Roohi, RN, MPH
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- **Quarantine Public Health Officers:**
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