

Dear Friends of UnCruise Adventures, *Updated July 21st, 2021

My company has kept a close watch on the progress of vaccination and infection levels across the country. Guest and crew safety is still paramount. All guests and crew must be fully vaccinated and receive a negative molecular COVID-19 test result within 4 days of embarkation. With the guidance from the CDC on May 16, 2021, we continue to make adjustments to our masking policy. With more recent news of increased cases in Sitka and Juneau, we have updated our mask policy as of July, 21, 2021.

Guests must wear a mask while traveling and while in port, including inside public areas in towns and within close proximity of others not in your travel party. An increase in transmission rates also means that masks will now be required while onboard, when in public areas and when not socially distanced on deck or on an activity. Exceptions are when eating, drinking or in a private cabin. We ask that guests fully mask up while in departure ports, even if not required by local regulation. This is due to the dramatic increase in COVID-19 infections amongst vaccinated people nationwide.

Frequent handwashing is still encouraged for all crew and guests. We continue to work diligently to return to a more traditional relaxed environment in a way that maintains crew and guest safety.

At this time, a negative pre-cruise molecular test is required of all guests within the 4 days leading up to boarding the vessel. Our commitment to vaccines and pre-trip testing allows us to ensure maximum safety for all aboard.

Team UnCruise will continue to monitor the vaccine roll out and its positive effect on COVID-19. Should federal or local guidance change, we will update our policy accordingly. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Happy Adventuring,

Captain Dan Blanchard
Owner, UnCruise Adventures

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Vaccinated Cruise Information

Prior to Departing Home

1. **Vaccine** – All guests and crew 18 or older must be “fully vaccinated” prior to boarding our vessels. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) defines this as “14 days after your final Covid-19 vaccine shot.” At a minimum, this process takes 42 days for the 2-shot Moderna vaccine, 35 days for the 2-shot Pfizer vaccine, and 14 days for the 1-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Plan carefully as it is often unknown which vaccine is available at any given facility.

Prior to Departing Home

COVID -19 Molecular Testing – Guests must have negative results from a molecular test administered no sooner than 4 days prior to the day of embarkation. For example, guests should test Monday morning for a Friday embarkation. PCR is one type of molecular test. Any type of molecular test, including PCR or molecular rapid tests, are acceptable. The important factor is that it be molecular and not antigen testing.

Pack Well – Guests are asked to bring sufficient masks for travel days and time in port, and for the full week. **Do not forget your vaccination and Covid-19 molecular test documents (printed or electronic - legible copies are acceptable) as these documents will be verified at time of check in before guests can board the boat. All passengers must have documentation of test results.**

While in Transit and Boarding the Vessel

Travel – Guests should follow all federal and local guidance for traveling to the destination. Wearing a mask at the appropriate times, including on flights and in local areas. UnCruise cannot guarantee that all people in ports are vaccinated, so please wear your mask when in port (Juneau). **Note that Juneau is requesting that masks be worn while indoors prior to boarding. This means, when inside public areas and when not socially distanced. Also, we ask that guests fully mask up while in departure ports, even if not required by local regulation.**

Check In – On the day guests board our vessel:

1. Present proof of full COVID-19 vaccination.
2. Present proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test, taken no more than 4 days prior to embarkation. (PCR or rapid molecular test are acceptable),

The Big Three – We can't emphasize this enough ... "Wash Hands, Wear A Mask, and Physically Distance." This is especially important while traveling to join us for your amazing adventure!

Life On Board For Guests and Crew

- **Mask Use** – As of July 21st, fully vaccinated adults are asked to wear masks while on board our vessels. This means, when inside public areas and when not socially distanced. Also, we ask that guests fully mask up while in Juneau.
- **Meal Service** - Meal service will return to our typical approach. Cocktail hour items will be self-serve from a buffet. Aboard Wilderness Adventurer there will be buffet service at breakfast and lunch.
- **Hand Sanitizers** – Located at primary entrance points and in public areas. It is always a good idea to use these frequently to protect against multiple types of illness.
- **Daily Wellness Checks** - UnCruise leaders will check in with guests daily to ensure they are not exhibiting any signs of illnesses.

Onboard Testing – Each vessel will have the capability to administer and analyze onboard COVID-19 rapid molecular tests as needed if anyone is having COVID symptoms during the week.

*This test does not comply with the needed test for countries requiring a negative PCR/Molecular test. The result are read on the machine itself, and do not offer test results by email or paper.

*We will update COVID-19 protocols as federal and local guidance evolves.

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*See all of our 2021 COVID-19 protocols for all destinations below.

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Vaccinated Cruises

Vaccination

1. - **Must I get vaccinated if I had COVID-19 and recovered?** Yes, guidance from federal and state government is clear on this.
2. - **I have a religious objection to vaccination, will I be allowed aboard with a negative COVID-19 test, only?** No, vaccination is required for adults this summer and fall.
3. - **I have a medical condition that prevents me from being vaccinated. Will I be allowed aboard with a negative COVID-19 test, only?** No, vaccination is required for adults this summer and fall.

Testing for COVID-19

1. - **Why are guests required to have a negative COVID-19 molecular test result, 4-days prior to departure?** While vaccinated individuals have far less risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19, it is believed that they may carry the illness. Vaccination combined with a molecular test reduces risk for everyone onboard.
2. - **Do I need to have a COVID-19 vaccination prior to cruising? What documents will you accept as proof of vaccination?** Yes, all guests will be required to be fully vaccinated prior to boarding our vessels. Guests will be required to submit proof of vaccination in the form of an original vaccination record issued by the country's health authority administering the vaccination or by your medical provider who administered the vaccination. **A legible copy of your vaccination record, digital QR code or reference WILL also be accepted as verification to board.**
3. - **What will happen if a person tests positive for COVID-19 while traveling before embarkation?** Boarding will be denied. Guest should have results from the 4-day pre-departure molecular test before departing home. For example, take the test on Monday morning for boarding on Friday. Guests who find themselves in this situation will be given the opportunity to travel on a 2022 Olivia/UnCruise Adventure based on availability.
4. - **I cannot find a local molecular COVID-19 test that returns results in a timely manner. We have had good fortune with Vault at home testing at <https://www.vaulthealth.com/covid>**
5. - **Can I get a rapid molecular/PCR test when I arrive in Alaska/Juneau? Yes, the state of Alaska and Juneau airport have input protocols for efficient testing on arrival.** As an alternative to other rapid tests prior to your arrival, should you have trouble locating one, you can ask for the **rapid molecular test** on your arrival at the Juneau airport. Results are usually provided within the hour. However, they are limited with the numbers they can do at one time, and you may end up at the airport for a longer time. Please use this option as a last resort. Speak with an UnCruise Adventures representative at the airport should you need this option. This will meet our embarkation requirements.

6. - Can I pre-register for a rapid molecular/PCR test on arrival in Alaska/Juneau? Yes, the state of Alaska and Juneau airport have input protocols for efficient testing on arrival. To help expedite the testing process for yourself as well as airport staff we request you pre-register and set up an account before arriving into Juneau. This includes inputting your insurance information for billing. Insurance is billed for rapid testing on request, and you will not receive a bill for your test. Upon arrival let them know of your registration and need for a rapid test. Pre-register at <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com/>

7. - I am traveling in Alaska prior to my UnCruise. Where do I get my COVID-19 molecular test prior to boarding day? Using testing facilities available within Alaska is the best choice. Testing at facilities in Juneau and Anchorage is easy to do. Also, purchasing a Vault testing kit prior to departure from home, and then sending your sample in from Anchorage or Fairbanks is a good option. <https://www.vaulthealth.com/covid>

8. - Does Alaska, Washington or Oregon require testing or vaccination to enter these states? No, currently these states do not have a testing or vaccination requirement for entry for U.S. residents. However, Alaska advises (but does not require) travelers to take a 72-hour pre-departure test.

9. - What is the difference between a PCR test and a molecular test? A PCR test is one type of molecular test. There are other types of molecular tests, including rapid tests that can be less expensive and return results more quickly. Any molecular test is acceptable. Antigen tests are not acceptable.

10. - I have had and recovered from COVID, and as a result I will test positive, but I am not contagious. Is there a way for me to travel with you? Yes. You and a doctor must fill out and sign our COVID-19 Statement of Prior Infection and bring it with you. You must still take the molecular test and you must still be fully vaccinated. The form will allow you to board with a positive test result. Please contact us at guestservices@olivia.com, and we will email it to you.

Life on our Adventure Boats

1. - Why have you changed your policy on requiring masks onboard? UnCruise Adventures must comply with a complex set of local, state, and federal guidelines. COVID-19 policies change rapidly and are sometimes contradictory at different levels. Recent CDC guidance issued May 16, 2021 allowed fully vaccinated people to be mask free for most indoor and outdoor activities, **however, due to a dramatic increase in COVID-19 infections amongst vaccinated people nationwide, guests and crew will be required to wear masks while onboard. This includes, when inside public areas and when not socially distanced on deck or an activity. Exceptions are when eating, drinking or in a private cabin.**

2. - Am I at risk while onboard? It is possible for fully vaccinated people to contract COVID-19, which is why you are required to wear a mask on public transportation and requested by UnCruise to wear a mask in ports. **As of July, 21st, 2021, we will also require masks to be worn while on board, when in public areas and not socially distanced. Exception, include when eating, drinking, or socially distanced on an activity.** We will continue to require negative PCR/Molecular tests within the 4 days prior to embarkation, as an additional precaution to keep the risk of COVID -19 transmission low.

For COVID-19 and many other forms of illness, the health and safety of everyone onboard is intricately linked together. Our onboard cleaning and sanitization protocols along with the cooperation of all guests with hand washing and use of hand sanitizers are designed to prevent the spread of all types of illness, not just COVID-19. This is a communal effort.

3. - What will happen if a vaccinated person tests positive for COVID-19 onboard the boat? The individual will be isolated in their cabin along with any others that test positive. Medical authorities will be contacted and advised on the condition of the guest (s). Due to vaccination, the person may be allowed to stay aboard in isolation or more likely will be transported to isolation ashore, based on a professional's direction.

Coronavirus Resources

Alaska

Ketchikan Testing: [Creekside Health](#)

Sitka Testing: [Mt. Edgecumbe Medical](#)

Juneau Testing: [Ethel Lund Medical](#)

Anchorage Testing: [Free COVID-19 Test](#)

Fairbanks Testing: [Fairbanks Memorial](#)

Alaska General Information: [COVID-19 Traveler Information](#)

Washington State

Seattle Airport Testing: [SEATAC](#)

Oregon

Portland Testing: [Portland Urgent Care](#)

Home Testing

Vault Home Testing: [COVID-19 At-Home Testing](#)

** We do not endorse any specific testing site or option. This is for informational purposes.*