

**ADOPTED CHANGES
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM
2022
DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE**

The compendium is a written compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions adopted under the Superintendent's discretionary authority. After review and consideration of the need for annual updates and after receiving no public comments on the proposed changes, the following changes have been incorporated into the 2022 Denali National Park and Preserve Superintendent's Compendium.

13.980 Frontcountry Developed Area Closures and Restrictions

No Previous Language. New Language:

The following National Park Service administrative areas are closed to all public entry unless permission is granted by the Superintendent or their representative:

- Dog Kennels when not designated as open to the public. Public visitation hours will be posted.
- Employee Housing Areas
- Concession Housing Areas
- Maintenance and Facilities Storage areas
- Park Buildings not otherwise open to the public

All closed areas will be signed to this effect.

Why Change is Warranted:

The Superintendent has determined that these closures are necessary to provide government efficiency, ensure accountability of government equipment, reduce risk within the concessioner's land assignment, and provide a safe environment for employees.

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Previous Language:

Physical Distancing and Mask Wearing to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Individuals over the age of two years must wear masks, except when actively eating or drinking, in the following locations:

1. All common areas and shared workspaces in buildings owned, rented or leased by the National Park Service, including, but not limited to, park visitor centers, administrative offices, lodges, gift shops and restaurants.
2. The following outdoor areas, when others are present, where the superintendent has determined that physical distancing (staying at least six feet apart) cannot

reasonably be maintained:

- The Frontcountry Developed Area, as defined in 36 CFR 13.970, when physical distancing is not possible

Masks must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face. Masks not designed to be protective, masks with ventilation valves, and face shields do not meet the requirement.

New Language:

Mask Wearing to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

When the COVID-19 Community Level is **LOW** or **MEDIUM** in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals are not required to wear masks.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is **HIGH** in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, all individuals over the age of two must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, in all common areas and shared workspaces in buildings owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the National Park Service, including, but not limited to, park visitor centers, administrative offices, lodges, gift shops and restaurants.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is **HIGH** in one or more, but not all, of the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, the superintendent will determine whether individuals are required to wear masks. The requirement, if any, will apply to all facilities within the park.

Masks must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face. Masks not designed to be protective, masks with ventilation valves, and face shields do not meet the requirement.

Regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals may wear masks if they choose to do so. Where a state, local, tribal, or territorial government where the park is located imposes more protective mask-wearing requirements than those indicated by the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals must follow those more protective requirements within the park. More protective state, local, tribal, or territorial mask-wearing requirements are hereby adopted as federal requirements in all units of the National Park System located within that state, locality, area subject to a federally recognized Indian tribe's regulatory jurisdiction, or territory, regardless of a particular park's jurisdictional status.

Additionally, all individuals must wear masks in or on public transportation conveyances and transportation hubs/facilities, to the extent required by current orders or directives issued by the CDC, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), or other federal agencies with jurisdiction over those conveyances or areas. As of March 4, 2022, CDC and TSA orders or directives require all individuals regardless of vaccination status to wear masks in indoor areas of all forms of public transportation conveyances, including busses, trains, and boats/ferries, and in the indoor premises of transportation

hubs/facilities. Individuals are not required to wear masks while outdoors on conveyances or while outdoors on the premises of transportation hubs/facilities.

Why Change is Warranted:

Pursuant to Executive Order 13991 of January 20, 2021, “Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing,” federal agencies follow public health measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On February 25, 2022, the CDC issued updated guidance for making decisions about COVID-19 prevention strategies related to COVID-19 Community Levels, which measure the impact of COVID-19 illness on community health and healthcare systems.

On February 28, 2022, based on this new CDC guidance, the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force issued “Initial Implementation Guidance for Federal Agencies on COVID-19 Community Levels and Mask-Wearing,” which provides federal agencies with guidance they should follow in utilizing the CDC’s COVID-19 Community Levels to determine the appropriate mask-wearing and screening testing requirements for each federal facility at a given time. These changes adopted into the 2022 Superintendent’s Compendium detail how the park will follow this updated guidance.

13.50 Closures or restrictions associated with road construction in 2022 and 2023

Planning for major construction on the Park Road during 2022 and 2023 in the Polychrome area is underway as of early 2022. Proposed temporary closures or restrictions to access on sections of the Park Road will be part of the overall planning process and may be incorporated into the Superintendent’s Compendium when finalized. Public notification will occur with any closure or access restrictions.