



Greenland Destinations via Thule Air Base

Action/Event	Pre-Departure (Days)														En Route (Days)											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pre-Departure	14 Day Strict Social Distancing																									
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Fly to Thule																										
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Test																										
Test Results																										
Begin Activities/Travel to Final Destination																										

- All travelers will receive a shipment of infection prevention supplies for the trip.
- All travelers must complete training on infection prevention travel procedures. <https://projects.battelle.org/radsafety/safetravels/story.html>
- Researchers are strongly encouraged to obtain medical travel/evacuation insurance.
- At least 14 days prior to departure, all travelers should check the COVID-19 websites for each destination along their routes of travel and begin preparing any required documents (Attachment 1).

All NSF-funded travelers must complete the following quarantine procedures, regardless of vaccination status. The Arctic program will continue to monitor pandemic and vaccine developments and will update this protocol when new evidence becomes available.

- 14 days prior to departure, travelers must begin Strict Social Distancing and determine the availability and turn-around time for RT-PCR (aka NAAT or molecular) tests in their area (100-mile radius).
 - Travelers should consult these links to research their [state](#) and [local](#) testing locations.
 - If local RT-PCR testing will not be available on the required test day (e.g., Sunday) or the results from the local lab will not be available prior to departure, travelers must contact Kim Derry at kim@polarfield.com or 303-349-6382 no later than a week prior to their scheduled departure.
- 72 hours (3 days) prior to departure, all travelers must obtain an RT-PCR COVID-19 test.
- 24 hours prior to travel, travelers must submit their travel fitness verification forms to Battelle ARO at this link: [Pre-Travel Verification](#).
- Travelers will complete a health questionnaire prior to boarding the Air Mobility Command flight and may be randomly selected for an additional test at the airport.
- Thule travelers are participants in an agreement between the Government of Greenland (GoG) and the Department of Defense. They must have a DoD travel authorization for Thule.
- Travelers are required to carry a copy of their Thule Air Base (TAB) travel authorizations and negative test results with them. Travelers will be required to present these documents upon arrival.
- Upon entry to TAB, travelers will undergo a restriction of movement (RoM) of no less than 7 days
- After the 7-day RoM, the traveler will take another COVID-19 test and return to quarantine.
- The TAB medical staff will release travelers from quarantine after confirming test results are negative.

Definitions

Quarantine: keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others.

Isolation: keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others.

Strict Social Distancing: is a term ARO adopted from the State of Alaska that summarizes CDC's pre-travel guidance and other best practices. The goal of Strict Social Distancing is to avoid close contact, which means remaining six feet away from anyone not in the immediate household.

To achieve this goal travelers must avoid venues like:

- Large social gatherings such as weddings, funerals, or parties
- Mass gatherings, like sporting events, concerts, or parades
- Businesses like restaurants, bars, fitness centers, or movie theaters
- Trains, buses, airports, ride-shares, and public transportation
- Cruise ships, ferries, or river boats
- Occupied office buildings, schools, and day-care centers
- Contact or quasi-contact sports, such as basketball, hockey, football, and soccer

And:

- Wear face coverings and remain six feet away from anyone not in their immediate households
- Use delivery or curbside pick-up for groceries, meals, or other errands

Attachment 1 Summary of Travel Requirements and Websites

Though ARO intends to keep this document as current as possible, the summaries in the following table may not be the most current guidance. Travelers should check the included links for any updates. Please note that **NSF may have additional or more restrictive requirements. Travelers must follow all applicable requirements.** Science Project Managers (researchers) or HSE managers (staff) will also notify travelers of changes.

Summary of Travel Requirements and Websites	
Destinations	Requirements Summary and Website
New York	<p>As of June 25, 2021, the New York State Travel Advisory is no longer in effect.</p> <p>https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory</p> <p>Note: NSF requires 4 days of quarantine and a test on the 5th day for all Greenland bound travelers.</p>
Albany	<p>Albany's guidance is the same as the State of New York's</p> <p>https://www.albany.org/coronavirus-information-and-resources/</p>
Baltimore	<p>As of July 1, 2021, the COVID state of emergency in Maryland expired. Travelers must continue to follow CDC and NSF guidance.</p> <p>https://www.bwiairport.com/COVID19#</p> <p>https://governor.maryland.gov/covid-19-pandemic-orders-and-guidance/</p>
Kangerlussuaq Greenland	<p>Greenland requires travelers to complete the SUMUT form and receive a confirmation e-mail prior to travel. Both Greenland and Denmark require travelers to obtain a negative RT-PCR COVID test result within 72 hours of arrival. Upon arrival travelers may obtain another test on the 5th day after arrival (Day 1 = day of arrival) but must remain in quarantine until negative test results are received.</p> <p>Danish Travel Regulations</p> <p>Greenland Travel Regulations</p> <p>https://visitgreenland.com/articles/corona-virus-status/</p> <p>Note: GoG is restricting travel. Any travel to Greenland from the U.S. is by exception and must be negotiated by NSF well in advance.</p>
Thule Air Base, Greenland	<p>Passengers to Thule Air Base are participants in an agreement between the Department of Defense and the GoG. They must have a Thule travel authorization and have obtained a negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of arrival. Everyone traveling to Greenland via Thule will quarantine on base for 7 days, followed by a test on Day 8.</p>