



ABOVE Office Protocols During COVID-19 Outbreak*

Restricted Access to Support Facilities

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**The pandemic is a dynamic situation. Our response is subject to revision based on changing circumstances. ABoVE Investigators must follow guidance of federal, state/provincial/territorial, and local governments, as well as of their home institutions.*

Effective immediately the Fairbanks Logistics Support Office will limit services to:

- 1) Pickup of stored gear owned by investigator teams. Until further notice, if picked up, gear must be retained by the owner and may not be returned for storage. Investigators may opt to leave in storage their gear already in our storage.
- 2) Limited field work and data/equipment rescue that can safely be executed by the onsite Logistics Coordinator without accompaniment, will be considered on a case by case basis.
- 3) No ABoVE-managed vehicles, resources, or equipment will be issued until further notice.
- 4) The office will not accept items for receiving or for packing and shipment. Investigators should obtain this service directly from commercial carriers. The Office may advise investigators of local shipping services.

Fairbanks Office and Equipment Maintenance During Closure:

- The Office will be kept clean and appropriately ventilated to prevent mold, bacteria, etc.
- Teams with gear in storage will be contacted to determine if their storage containers need to be opened and aired out.
- Trucks will be driven by Sarah (no one else) weekly after which tire pressure and fuel will be checked and modified accordingly. Trucks will be driven in 4x4 mode once a month.
- Tents, sleeping bags, kitchen kits, extraction kits, and other items subject to mold will be unpacked, aired, and repacked as necessary.
- Generators and chainsaws will be checked and run on a monthly basis.

Arctic Response/ABOVE Offices in Edmonton and Yellowknife

Arctic Response, the operator of our storage facilities in Edmonton and Yellowknife, has limited office staffing, as they deploy to field hospitals across the North under contract with the Canadian Government.

- No ABoVE resources or equipment will be issued until further notice.
- Arctic Response may be willing to ship your gear back to your home institution if you wish, but there may be a delay of two weeks or more.