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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: With the exception of one, all people identified with positive tests in Unalaska are not residents of Unalaska.

COVID-19 tests performed locally	1,072
Cumulative positive persons	95

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT (Alaska Residents): Data retrieved from State of Alaska DHSS website <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>

New cases reported yesterday	65
Cumulative cases	2,192
Recovered cases	798
Active cases	1,375
Cumulative hospitalizations	111
Deaths	19

In addition to the statistics provided above for residents of Alaska, there has been a total of 492 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected in non-residents within the state.

THE SWISS CHEESE ANALOGY: Can a stack of Swiss cheese protect you from contracting coronavirus? Of course not. But an analogy based on Swiss cheese actually can help. Public health officials say the "Swiss cheese" approach to reducing the risk of being infected can help keep people healthy. Some people believe there's no point wearing a face covering because respiratory particles can still get through. Others say social distancing alone is enough to keep them safe. But the truth is, no single protective measure is perfectly effective. But multiple imperfect protective measures, layered together, enhance our ability to protect against being infected. Think of each protective measure as a slice of Swiss cheese. See graphic below. There are holes in each and the virus may get through. But if you have multiple layers of protection, it is less likely the holes line up to allow the virus to get to you. So continue to practice those personal protective measures, and think "Swiss cheese"!

