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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

COVID-19 tests performed locally	1,167
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	97

ADDITIONAL POSITIVE TEST: A new positive test for COVID-19 is reported today in Unalaska. The individual testing positive is a family member of an employee of Westward Seafoods, Inc. (WSI). The person was tested during their travel-related quarantine and is now isolated. WSI provided this statement: "WSI thanks Unalaska Unified Command for their help and professionalism in carrying out our COVID-19 Response Plan. The dedication of all involved allowed us to catch this case at the very start of our quarantine protocols, minimizing exposure to the community. WSI will take all steps necessary to ensure our family member will get the proper care and treatment to assist in their recovery and prevent transmission in the community. We wish everyone impacted by COVID-19 well in this difficult time."

INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL CASE COUNTS: The case counts reported above reflect tests performed in Unalaska, and provide no information about residency. All persons with positive tests were tested in the course of their employment (with the new case today being a family member of a WSI employee). A break-down of the total positive persons, by employer, is:

F/V American Triumph (Am. Seafoods)	85
Icicle Seafoods	8
Alaska Marine Highway System	1
Pacific Stevedoring	1
Resolve Magone Marine	1
<u>Westward Seafoods (family member)</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	97

Most of the persons who tested positive at the local clinic have left the island and their care has been transferred to another provider, so we cannot accurately report on the number of people who may be considered recovered or a current number of active cases. Personnel at the IFHS Clinic are coordinating with State DHSS regarding protocols for the persons who tested positive and remain on the island.

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT (Alaska Residents):

Cumulative Cases	2,990
Active Cases	2,069
Unalaska Resident Cases	4
Recovered Cases	898
Cumulative Hospitalizations	133
Deaths	23

In addition to the statistics provided above for residents of Alaska, there have been a total of 687 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected in non-residents within the state.

The State's Response Hub website (<https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>) presently shows five (5) Unalaska residents with positive tests for COVID. Regardless of where a person tests, whether in Unalaska, within the State of Alaska or in another state, a positive result will be reported for Unalaska if that person is considered a resident of Unalaska.

CHANGES TO STATE RULES REGARDING TRAVEL INTO THE STATE OF ALASKA: During a press briefing on July 28, Governor Dunleavy announced upcoming changes to the State Travel Mandate. Starting August 11, 2020 all non-residents traveling into the state must arrive with a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival. Testing will no longer be available for non-residents when they arrive in Alaska. Residents can still be tested when arriving at the airport. Current protocols will remain in place through August 10. More information about this change will be issued within a week and will be reported here and on the State's website for travelers when it becomes available: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>

REMAIN DILIGENT: Unalaska Unified Command urges everyone to remain diligent in following these protective measures. Even if these individual protective measures are imperfect, layered together, these protective measures reduce transmission of coronavirus!

- Wash Your Hands Frequently
- Don't Touch Your Face
- Clean & Disinfect Surfaces Daily
- Wear Face Covering in Public (required in businesses)
- Cover Coughs and Sneezes
- Keep 6 feet from Other People
- Keep Your Social Circle Small
- Avoid: large gatherings; being in enclosed spaces with others; long interactions with non-household members; being around forceful exhalations like yelling and singing
- No Close Contact with Sick Persons
- Watch for Symptoms & Get Tested if you Develop Symptoms

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