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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	1,250
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	97*
Current active cases	1

The number of cumulative positive persons tested locally includes the 85 persons from the fishing vessel American Triumph and the 1 person employed on the State Ferry Tustumena, who all left the island shortly after testing. The local IFHS health care team is currently following one (1) active case within our community.

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	3,536	752	4,288
Recovered Cases	1,062	176	1,238
Active Cases	2,449	576	3,025
Cumulative Hospitalizations	141	4	145
Deaths	25	0	25
Unalaska (Aleutians West)	4	84	88*

The total reported by State DHSS for Unalaska doesn't match the cumulative positive persons tested locally because some of those individuals may have previously tested positive before arriving in Unalaska, so were not counted as an additional positive person by the State; or because of other intricacies in how the State tracks cases.

STATE DHSS CORONAVIRUS DATA HUB: The DHSS data dashboard underwent a change in structure earlier this week that allows for filtering by occurrence and residence status. Check it out! The data hub is available at https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/

UPDATE TO STATE MANDATE 10: The Governor updated Mandate 10 for all travelers arriving in Alaska from another state or country. These new requirements go into effect on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.
- State COVID Travel Website: https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers
- State Mandate Website: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/

NOTE: Unalaska's local mandate requiring 14 days quarantine & symptom monitoring for all incoming travelers remains in effect as an additional protective layer for our remote community.

A summary of the new state mandate follows:

For all travelers (resident and nonresident):
- Complete a Travel Declaration Form and Self-Isolation Plan in the Alaska Travel Portal.
- All travelers with negative results must still follow strict social distancing for 14 days after arriving into the state or until the traveler receives a second negative test result from a test taken 7-14 days after arrival.
- The five-day pretest option is no longer available for any travelers.

For nonresident travelers:
- Test 72 hours before departure.
  - Upload negative result into the Alaska Travel Portal or have results available to show screeners at the airport.
  - If still awaiting results by arrival time, travelers will need to upload proof of a test taken into the Alaska Travel Portal or show that proof of a test taken to an airport screener and self-quarantine, at their own expense, while waiting for results. The results must be uploaded into the portal when received.
- If a nonresident arrives without a pre-test, testing is available for $250 per test. The traveler will be required to quarantine while waiting on results.
- The 14-day quarantine option is no longer available for nonresident travelers.

For Alaska resident travelers:
- Test 72 hours prior to departure, with the same rules as listed for nonresidents.
  - Testing at arrival remains available at no cost to Alaska residents.
- The 14-day quarantine option is still available to Alaska residents.
- Alaska residents traveling within the state will now have the option of free testing at the airport sites, to prevent bringing the virus into our small communities.
- Proof of Alaska residency can be shown with one of the following:
  - Alaska driver's license or state issued ID card.
  - Federally recognized Alaska Tribal identification card.
  - Active duty military ID card or active duty dependent ID card.
  - Employment verification letter on employer letterhead or school verification letter for in-person schooling stating traveler is moving to Alaska for employment or school.

For critical infrastructure employees:
- Travel that is deemed essential or for critical infrastructure, as previously defined in Health Mandate 10, will continue as it has under existing guidance.
- Critical infrastructure workers traveling to Alaska will no longer be able to use state-funded testing at airports.
- Critical infrastructure companies and organizations will be asked to provide employees with a letter on company letterhead that states they are a critical infrastructure worker traveling for work purposes. These letters must include travel plans and confirm that the traveler is following the employer's Community Workforce Protect Plan on file with the state that includes testing and/or quarantine provisions.

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