

CITY OF UNALASKA

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NEWS RELEASE

March 20, 2020, 2:00 pm, News Release no. 11 Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium

CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

Patients tested at IFHS	3
Confirmed Negative Tests	1
Confirmed Positive Tests	0
Pending Test Results	2

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are now 12 confirmed cases statewide, and three of the confirmed cases are not travel-related.

Total Confirmed Cases in State of Alaska since 01/01/2020	12
Total Negative Tests since 01/01/2020	698

CITY FACILITY CLOSURES: City schools are closed. All City of Unalaska buildings are closed to the public, except the lobby area at Public Safety. Employees will be working in each department, with staggered and modified shifts, to ensure social distancing while continuing to deliver critical city services. Contact us at these numbers:

Emergency: 911

City Hall: 581-1251 Clerk / City Manager / Administration / HR / Planning / Finance

Fire & EMS: 581-5330 (non-emergency)

PCR / Library / Aquatic Center: 581-1297

Ports: 581-1254

Public Safety: 581-1233 (non-emergency)

Public Works & Utilities: 581-1260

PROTECT YOURSELF; PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY: The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. Because the virus is spread primarily person-to-person, protective measures like closing schools and public places are taken to limit contact between people so that the spread of disease can be reduced. We all need to pitch in and try to prevent cases in our families and in our community with these actions:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use 60% alcohol content hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay six feet away from other people (droplets from cough & sneeze spread infection)
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze; throw the tissue away; and then wash your hands
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care; all household members should selfquarantine and minimize contact with others
- If symptomatic
 - Wear a mask when around others, including visiting the clinic
 - Call the clinic before coming in (581-1202)

CRISIS LINES: If you are distressed, want to talk about your troubles or needs you may have, help is available! Please call:

- USAFV 24-Hour Crisis Line (907) 581-1500
- USAFV Toll-Free 24-Hour Crisis Line (800) 478-7238
- APIA Behavioral Health Crisis Line (907) 359-2743

RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION:

- CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <u>www.coronavirus.gov</u>
- State of Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services <u>http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx</u>
- Dial 211 the State of Alaska telephone information line for non-clinical questions
- City of Unalaska <u>www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/coronavirus-covid-19</u>
- Call the City of Unalaska public safety recorded message line for daily updates: 581-6080

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