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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	1,650
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	101*
Current active cases	4

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.

ANOTHER POSITIVE TEST: A new positive test for COVID-19 is reported today. The individual testing positive is an employee of Unisea and has been in quarantine since arriving in Unalaska on August 23. In compliance with UniSea's COVID response plan, the individual received a negative test before traveling to Unalaska and the positive result was received at the mid-point of their quarantine period. The individual is in isolation and is being followed by staff at the IFHS Clinic.

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT Source: <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	5,092	831	5,923
Recovered Cases	1,993	190	2,183
Active Cases	3,062	641	3,703
Cumulative Hospitalizations	213	5	218
Deaths	37	0	37
Unalaska (Aleutians West)	6	85	91*

**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.*

QUARANTINE IN SHARED SPACES: It can be challenging to effectively quarantine if there are other people living in the quarantine location, whether that is a private home or shared housing. If you need to observe quarantine following travel or following close contact with an infected individual, Unalaska Unified Command provides the following guidance for quarantining in shared spaces.

- Provide a separate bedroom and bathroom for the person in quarantine, if possible. If you cannot provide a separate room and bathroom, try to separate them from other household members as much as possible.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Provide good air flow by opening windows or using fans.
- Keep people at higher risk separated from anyone who is in quarantine.
- Maintain 6 feet between the person in quarantine and other family or household members as much as possible.
- Wear face covering when around family or household members, especially if 6 feet separation cannot be maintained.
- If you need to share a bedroom with someone in quarantine, make sure the room has good air flow.
 - Open the window and turn on a fan to bring in and circulate fresh air if possible.
 - Maintain at least 6 feet between beds if possible.
 - Sleep head to toe.
 - Put a curtain around or place other physical divider (e.g., shower curtain, room screen divider, large cardboard poster board, quilt, or large bedspread) to separate the person in quarantine.
- If you need to share a bathroom with someone in quarantine, clean and disinfect the frequently touched surfaces in the bathroom after each use.
 - Open outside doors and windows before entering and use ventilating fans to increase air circulation in the area.
 - Wait as long as possible before entering the room to clean and disinfect or to use the bathroom.
 - Don't leave hygiene items on the counter, such as tooth brushes.
- If you are in quarantine, do not prepare food for others and eat separately from household members.
- Do not share dishes, drinking cups or eating utensils. Non-disposable food service items used should be handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher.