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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	1,860
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	102*
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.

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

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	5,533	883	6,416
Recovered Cases	2,073	199	2,272
Active Cases	3,423	684	4107
Cumulative Hospitalizations	227	5	232
Deaths	37	0	37
Unalaska (Aleutians West)	6	86	92*

**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.*

ANOTHER POSITIVE TEST: A new positive test for COVID-19 is reported today. The individual testing positive is an incoming employee of UniSea and has been in quarantine since arriving in Unalaska on August 25 via chartered flight. In compliance with UniSea's COVID response plan, the individual was at the mid-point of their quarantine period. The individual is in isolation and is being followed by staff at the IFHS Clinic.

AVOID HIGH-RISK SITUATIONS: As we begin the Labor Day holiday weekend and hear from State DHSS that the vast majority of new cases in Alaska are from community spread and not related to travel, it is important to remember to avoid situations where the transmission of disease is more likely. In addition to practicing basic COVID-19 preventive measures such as washing hands, wearing a face covering in public and staying six feet from non-household members, we can minimize the risk of getting COVID-19 by AVOIDING these situations:

- Being in an enclosed space with others
- Being in a crowd or other situations where you cannot physically distance
- Long interactions with people outside your household
- Being around forceful exhalations, like coughing, yelling or singing

"When you're thinking about places to go, things you're doing, think about those four criteria and how you can minimize those four to minimize your risk of COVID," says Alaska Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anne Zink.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER LOCAL COVID-19 MANDATE NEXT WEEK: The Unalaska City Council will consider continuing the local mandate to protect public health at their 6pm meeting on Tuesday, September 8. The City Manager is not suggesting any changes to the current mandate, which includes a 14-day quarantine for anyone arriving in Unalaska, with limited exceptions. The agenda, related documents and information to participate in the meeting will be posted on the City website later today.

Next Scheduled News Release is Wednesday, September 9

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