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NEWS RELEASE

March 21, 2020, 12:30 pm, News Release no. 12

Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium

CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: *(no change from yesterday)*

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 14 confirmed cases statewide.

STATE OF ALASKA HEALTH ALERT – TRAVEL: Please see the State's March 20 COVID-19 Health Alert no. 9, copy attached, issuing strong advisories regarding both in-state and out-of-state travel.

GOVERNOR MANDATE: Governor Dunleavy ordered all schools to close through May 1, 2020, and to proceed with distance education. Given the increasing concern for new cases of coronavirus around Alaska, this action is to limit all close contacts with people outside a family unit, and maintain a distance of six feet between us, to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. A copy of the mandate is included with this News Release.

UNALASKA CITY SCHOOLS: As the Governor has mandated, all schools will be closed through May 1, 2020. The Unalaska City School District will be ready to provide meals to students receiving free and reduced-price meals, and to phase in home-based education beginning on Monday, March 30. Please visit the new school district website for updates at www.ucsd.net.

AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING: At this time, all state-owned airports, including the airport in Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, remain open and fully operational. However, in order to observe social distancing measures to stop the spread of the coronavirus, Unalaska's Tom Madsen Airport Terminal Building is closed to the public, with the exception of airport employees and ticketed or confirmed passengers. Ticketed and confirmed passengers are asked to comply with seating restrictions instituted in the waiting areas to maintain social distancing. If you are picking up or dropping off passengers, please wait outside the building. No loitering is allowed inside the building or at the entrances.

LIBRARY RETURNS AND RENEWALS: Unalaska Public Library materials may be returned to the library at any time, by using the outdoor book drop. We recognize the library closure makes it difficult to renew checkouts of library materials, and we will be lenient in waiving fines accrued during the closure.

Next Update: Monday, March 23, 2020

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Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

****COVID-19 HEALTH MANDATE****

Issued: March 20, 2020

By: Governor Mike Dunleavy

Commissioner Adam Crum, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing its eighth health mandate based on the authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020.

Given the increasing concern for new cases of COVID-19 around Alaska, the purpose of this mandate is to limit all close contacts (people outside of a family unit) to be farther than six feet from each other to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Mandate 8.1 – State of Alaska – Public and Private Schools

Public and private schools are closed to students through May 1, 2020. Students will receive instruction through distance delivery methods. All after school activities will be suspended during this time.

These are measures to protect Alaskans. We appreciate the public's understanding of this mandate in an effort to mitigate this virus.



THE STATE
of ALASKA
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

****COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT****

Issued: March 20, 2020

By: Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska
Commissioner Adam Crum, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

The State of Alaska and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) acknowledge the importance of suspending all non-essential travel across the Alaska border as well as minimizing intrastate travel to avoid introducing new COVID-19 cases into Alaska from out of state, and slow the spread of the virus in state. Greater than 80% of proven COVID-19 cases have come from out of state, primarily from the lower 48. It is imperative that Alaskans heed these guidelines.

Health Alert 9.1 – Out of State Travel

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing the following strong advisory:

That all Alaskans cease non-essential out of state personal, business, and medical travel now. Alaskans currently out of state are encouraged to return home now if they had plans to return to Alaska within the next 30 days.

We strongly advise that any tourist and non-essential business travel to Alaska be suspended now. We strongly recommend that visitors to Alaska return to their home communities now.

Airlines operating interstate travel are mandated to immediately post this recommendation to their customers on their webpages and at the airports in a place that is easily seen.

Airports in Alaska are mandated to prominently post all travel recommendations.

Tour operators should immediately suspend reservations for any out of state visitors.

Businesses that depend on interstate travel should immediately assess their travel needs and only move essential personnel or travel for emergency reasons. Any travelling employee is expected to self-isolate for 14 days after arrival in Alaska.

All travelers returning from a Level 3 area are mandated to self-quarantine for 14 days as previously outlined in [COVID-19 Health Mandate 004](#).

Any returning resident or worker is expected to self-quarantine for 14 days after returning to Alaska and monitor for illness. If you cannot work from home, you should not return to work until this period has passed, unless your work supports critical infrastructure (see Attachment A). If your work is a part of

critical infrastructure, it is the expectation that every attempt will be made to comply with the 14-day quarantine or that appropriate steps are taken to protect workers, the public and spread of COVID-19.

Any visitor to Alaska is expected to self-isolate for 14 days after arriving in Alaska, monitor for illness, and follow appropriate social distancing protocols while in Alaska.

Health Alert 9.2 – In-State Alaska Travel

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing the following strong advisory:

That all Alaskans cease any non-essential in-state long distance personal, business, or medical travel, with specific heightened concern for travel to remote areas with limited medical resources.

We strongly recommend that non-residents cease any non-essential personal, business, or medical long-distance travel within Alaska with specific heightened concern for travel to remote areas with limited medical resources.

All air, road and maritime services operating in Alaska are mandated to post on the web and in their terminals, these travel recommendations.

All airports, ports, and bus terminals are mandated to prominently post these travel recommendations. Any tour operator depending on clients moving long distances across Alaska should strongly consider suspending operations.

We expect any traveler who leaves a community with known cases of COVID-19 to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival to their destination community and monitor for symptoms of illness. Following that period, appropriate social distancing should be followed.

The sacrifice of all Alaskans during this public health emergency is notable. While social distancing is one arm of slowing the spread of COVID-19, minimizing travel is an equally important part of slowing the spread of disease. We are aware of the impact these health advisories have, specifically on our travel industry, already hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. The state is committed to continue to work with businesses and employees impacted by the pandemic and will continue to work to mitigate these impacts. The safety and health of all Alaskans is our primary concern.

This health advisory does not apply to medical, personal, or business emergencies.

This is not a mandate.
State of Alaska COVID-19 Health Alert 009