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NEWS RELEASE

Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 3:00 pm, News Release no. 133
Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are no new positive tests to report.

COVID-19 tests performed locally	2,293
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	103*
Current active cases	0

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:

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	6,950	936	7,886
Recovered Cases	2,415	253	2,668
Active Cases	4,490	683	5,173
Cumulative Hospitalizations	266	6	272
Deaths	45	0	45
Unalaska (Aleutians West)	7	87	94*

Source <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>

**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.*

FLU SHOT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THIS WINTER: It's never been more important to get a flu shot. The flu shot will protect Alaskans from the potential double impacts of flu and COVID-19. The flu shot reduces your risk of getting the flu and potentially requiring hospitalization. This will ensure that scarce hospital resources remain available, if needed, for COVID-19 patients. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alaska Immunization Program is waiving eligibility limitations for adults for influenza vaccine for 2020-2021. For certain influenza vaccines, all adults and all pediatric patients are eligible regardless of insurance status. **The IFHS clinic currently has an adequate supply of flu vaccines available so please make your appointment for a flu shot today by calling 581-1202.**

NEW LOCAL MANDATE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH: On September 22nd the Unalaska City Council adopted a new local COVID-19 mandate, effective at noon today and expiring at noon on October 14, 2020. There were no substantive changes made from the prior order. Here is a short summary of the major elements of the local mandate:

- **Face Coverings** - Customers and visitors of businesses and organizations must wear a covering over their nose and mouth.
- **14 Day Traveler Self Quarantine** - Anyone traveling into the City by vessel or airplane must self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms, with limited exceptions. The rules for quarantine are set out in the mandate. The 14 Day Quarantine must be observed, whether or not the traveler has received a negative test for COVID-19.
- **Community and Workforce Protective Plans** - Business that are required to submit community and workforce protective plans to the State of Alaska must submit those plans to the City if their employees are traveling here.
- **Protective Protocols** - All business open to the public in Unalaska / Dutch Harbor must post their basic measures to protect the public health on the doors to the business.

The full document is available on the City website:

<https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates>

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