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NEWS RELEASE

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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	2,516
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: Source <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	7,824	956	8,780
Recovered Cases	4,057	498	4,555
Active Cases	3,711	458	4,169
Cumulative Hospitalizations	293	6	299
Deaths	56	0	56
Unalaska (Aleutians West)	7	87	94*

**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.*

COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING: Personnel from the Unalaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) have been greeting incoming passengers at the Tom Madsen Airport for several months and providing written information about the City's Local Mandate (14-day quarantine & symptom monitoring; face covering requirement) and other COVID-19 information.

Starting this week, DPS personnel are requesting that passengers provide contact information to be used in the event someone on their flight tests positive for COVID-19. The purpose of the data collection is to assist with contact tracing and to provide necessary health information. Data provided by passengers is collected by DPS personnel and is housed securely at the IFHS Clinic.

Unalaska's IFHS Clinic is one of two Community Health Centers in the state that has joined with the State of Alaska and the Alaska Primary Care Association to support Contact Tracing efforts. The IFHS team is "going live" with contact tracing on October 1st. Their primary focus will be on cases that are identified within our community and region, but at times they may also assist with other outbreaks in the state. We are excited to be able provide this service within our community!

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