



## CITY OF UNALASKA

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Coronavirus COVID-19

**LOCAL RISK FACTOR:** Medium

**UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:** No new cases to report today.

COVID-19 tests performed locally	2,768
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	104*
Current active cases	1

*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/>

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	10,171	1,012	11,183
Recovered Cases	5,324	626	5,950
Active Cases	4,783	386	5,169
Cumulative Hospitalizations	338	7	345
Deaths Statewide	64	0	64
State's Case Count for Unalaska	4	92	96*

*\*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.*

**COMMUNITY URGED TO CONTINUE COVID PROTECTIVE MEASURES:** We are fortunate to have no known community spread of COVID-19 on the island, but as cases rise sharply in other areas of the state and country, we are aware that just one person with COVID-19 could come to the island and spread illness by not complying with the 14-day travel quarantine and other protective measures.

The CDC recently reported that 61% of reporting jurisdictions nationwide are experiencing a rise in cases of COVID-19, just like we are seeing in Alaska. In communities where individuals and organizations are serious about following protective measures, studies show that community spread of the virus is reduced. For these reasons, everyone is strongly encouraged to continue COVID protective measures:

- **Wash Your Hands Frequently**
- **Don't Touch Your Face**
- **Clean & Disinfect Surfaces Daily**
- **Wear Face Covering in Public (required in businesses)**
- **Cover Coughs & Sneezes**
- **Keep 6 feet from Other People**
- **Keep Your Social Circle Small**
- **Avoid: large gatherings; being in enclosed spaces with others; long interactions with non-household members; being around forceful exhalations like yelling & singing**
- **No Close Contact with Sick Persons**
- **Watch for Symptoms & Get Tested if you Develop Symptoms**

**NEW LOCAL MANDATE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH:** On October 13, 2020 the Unalaska City Council adopted a new local COVID-19 mandate, effective at noon today and expiring at noon on October 28, 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>

