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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium

MESSAGE FROM ALASKA'S GOVERNOR: Today Governor Mike Dunleavy urged all Alaskans to take immediate action to slow the spread of COVID-19 because of a rapid increase in cases around the state, especially among health care workers and first responders. He stated that emergency response and health care systems are at urgent risk. Thankfully, Unalaska's emergency responders and health care system are presently able to continue services at normal levels. Because we share the Governor's concerns and don't want to see an increase of cases in Unalaska, everyone in Unalaska / Dutch Harbor is strongly encouraged to continue protective measures and comply with the 14-day travel quarantine in order to protect our community from an outbreak of COVID-19. Please wear a face covering, maintain six foot distancing from non-household members and wash your hands!

The Governor and public health officials ask businesses, organizations and local governments to operate remotely when feasible; to send their employees home; and urged businesses and organizations to offer food and supplies with curbside pickup. If businesses and organizations in Unalaska / Dutch Harbor are able to reduce contact between individuals and customers, you are urged to do so immediately.

Unalaska Unified Command and local stakeholder groups met following release of the Governor's message. The community's risk factor remains at **medium** based on the revised Emergency Response Plan. The factors influencing the medium risk level include just one isolated case of unknown source, causing limited risk to the community as a whole; the clinic is able to maintain their standard of care for all patients; and the ability to isolate any suspected cases of COVID-19 is maintained.

Because the preventative measures under the community's **medium** risk level have already been implemented, and in consultation with local health care professionals, City of Unalaska facilities and services will remain at our present staffing and service levels, as will the IFHS Clinic and the Unalaska City School District. Most City facilities are open by appointment only, and patron capacity at the community center, library and aquatic center are limited, with strict sanitation protocols in place.

In order to continue to protect our community, everyone is urged to:

DO THE 3 Ws

Wear a mask
Watch your distance
Wash your hands

AVOID THE 3 Cs

Crowded settings
Close contact with others
Confined spaces

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

COVID-19 tests performed locally	3,283
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	107
Current active cases	3

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. Local testing numbers provide no information about the residency of the person tested.

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

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	20,688	1,124	21,812
Recovered Cases	6,512	649	7,161
Active Cases	14,080	475	14,555
Cumulative Hospitalizations	520	10	530
Deaths Statewide	96	0	96
State's Case Count for Unalaska	8	92	100*

**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; Unalaska residents may have tested positive outside of Unalaska; or because of other intricacies in how the State tracks cases.*