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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: HIGH

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

COVID-19 tests performed locally	3,630
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	112
Current active cases	4

NEW CASES: Today we report three additional cases of COVID-19 in Unalaska, all unrelated to the cases reported on Monday, November 30. Contact tracing is underway.

For two of the new cases, one individual had a recent travel history, arriving in Unalaska on November 24, and the second individual is within the same household. Both individuals have been in self-quarantine since November 24 and tested positive yesterday.

The third case is an employee of Icicle Seafoods who tested positive today. No further information is available at this time.

EXPANDED LOCAL COVID-19 MANDATE: Last night the Unalaska City Council expanded the local mandate related to COVID-19 for the next two weeks, ordering a general “hunker down” in the community, limiting the size of any gatherings to 20 and closing bars and restaurants to in-person service. Provided here is a brief summary of the major elements of the expanded protective order:

- **Hunker Down** - Everyone in the City is to stay at home as much as possible, except to
 - go to work or school when remote work and learning are not feasible
 - get groceries or other essential goods & services
 - receive or provide health care
 - get fresh air without contacting other people
- **Gathering Size Limitation** - Gatherings are limited to 20 persons so long as six feet is maintained between household groups and face coverings are worn by all participants
- **Temporary Closure of Bars and Restaurants for In-Person Service** – In-person service at bars and restaurants is temporarily closed. Food and beverages may be offered curbside, walk-up, drive-through or delivery.
- **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 new mandate, Resolution 2020-74, went into effect today at noon, and lasts two weeks, expiring at noon on December 16. To review the full text of the mandate, call the City Clerk's Department or visit the City of Unalaska website at <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates>

Violation of this resolution is punishable as a misdemeanor under Unalaska Code of Ordinances § 2.96.090 and is a Public Nuisance, subject to the remedies in UCO § 11.08 including prosecution as a minor offense.

The City Council will consider a new mandate at a Special Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

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

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	32,531	1,266	33,797
Cumulative Hospitalizations	753	15	768
Deaths Statewide	121	1	122
State's Case Count for Unalaska	12	92	104

IF YOU TEST POSITIVE, NOTIFY YOUR CLOSE CONTACTS IMMEDIATELY: If you test positive for COVID-19, both State DHSS and our local IFHS Clinic recommend that you promptly notify anyone with whom you have had "close contact" in the two days before you test positive or from the time you develop symptoms, whichever is earlier, and until you go into isolation after getting the positive result.

"Close contact" is defined as anyone with whom a person with COVID-19 has spent more than a cumulative 15 minutes within a 6-foot space in a 24-hour period. The State's contact tracing team is incredibly busy with the huge increase in cases around the State of Alaska, so the sooner people know about possible exposure, the quicker they can quarantine or isolate and get tested if needed. Public health officials will continue to contact those who test positive as soon as they can, but having people notify their own close contacts will help prevent COVID-19 from spreading in our community.

