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## NEWS RELEASE

**Monday, December 7, 2020, 3:15pm, News Release no. 167**

### **Coronavirus COVID-19**

**LOCAL RISK FACTOR: HIGH**

### **UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:**

COVID-19 tests performed locally	3,809
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	151
Current active cases	42

**O'HARA CORPORATION, F/T ENTERPRISE:** F/T Enterprise, owned by O'Hara Corporation, arrived in Unalaska on Saturday, December 5. Staff at the IFHS Clinic tested all persons on board during the weekend after two crew members were found to be positive for COVID-19. In total, 9 of the 28 individuals on board received positive tests for COVID-19 and have been moved to isolation. Contact tracing is in progress. Fortunately, as of today, they are all doing well. O'Hara Corporation provided this statement: "The O'Hara Corporation is greatly concerned by the recent positive COVID test results on board the F/T Enterprise. Our primary concern is the health of our crew and preventing impacts to the community of Unalaska. The 9 individuals that tested positive have been isolated onshore in Unalaska and planning is in process to move them closer to full service medical services. The remaining crew with negative test results are being monitored in quarantine. We are working closely with the City of Unalaska and the State of Alaska in implementing our response plan; and would like to provide special thanks to all at the IFHS facility for their ongoing support and care for our crew. Our goal is to bring everyone home safe and healthy to their families for the Holiday season."

**U.S. SEAFOODS, F/V LEGACY:** U.S. Seafoods' F/V Legacy remains in Unalaska. U.S. Seafoods is coordinating the transport of crew members requiring services in Anchorage, and the remaining crew will stay on board. Because of severe weather in the Gulf of Alaska and out of concern for the health of the crew, the vessel plans to remain in port until the end of their isolation period. Personnel from U.S. Seafoods, IFHS Clinic, State of Alaska and City of Unalaska continue to communicate and coordinate efforts to ensure the health and safety of the crew members and the community.

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY CASE:** We report one additional positive test result in a community member today, which is included in the case count above. Contact tracing is underway. No additional information is available at this time.

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

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	36,196	1,343	37,539
Cumulative Hospitalizations	790	15	805
Deaths Statewide	145	1	146
State's Case Count for Unalaska	13	116	129

**MESSAGE FROM UNALASKA UNIFIED COMMAND:** Even with the recent local case counts, we feel that the outbreaks on these two vessels are contained and do not pose a significant increased risk to the community. However, the State reports a total of 2,214 new cases and sadly 4 deaths since our News Release on Friday, December 4. Therefore, everyone in town is *strongly urged to comply with the travel quarantine order*, and do their part to protect themselves and protect each other: wear a face covering, keep six feet from non-household members and wash your hands; avoid crowded spaces, close contacts and confined spaces.

**IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS, PLEASE GET A TEST RIGHT AWAY:** Getting a test for COVID-19 helps public health officials identify cases as soon as possible, so that folks can quarantine and reduce the spread of the virus. If you develop symptoms, contact IFHS Clinic to discuss your symptoms with a provider and schedule a test if appropriate. Their number is (907) 581-1202.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea