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NEWS RELEASE

Friday, January 8, 2021, 4:55pm, News Release no. 181

Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: HIGH

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

NEW CASES----- 9

Industry Related----- 7

Travel Related ----- 1

Community Acquired ----- 1

(Unrelated to community-acquired cases reported Jan. 6 & 7)

CURRENT ACTIVE CASES----- 38

Industry Related-----29

Travel Related ----- 1

Community Acquired ----- 6

Household Members----- 2

Cumulative COVID Tests Performed Locally----5,251

Cumulative Positive Persons Tested Locally-----232

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT: Today we report 740 new cases, 21 new hospitalizations and 3 new deaths statewide since our News Release on January 6:

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	48,063	1,576	49,639
Cumulative Hospitalizations	1,074	21	1,095
Deaths Statewide	222	1	223
State's Case Count for Unalaska	55	156	211*

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

**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.*

CONTINUING MEASURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH: Today the Unalaska City Council met in a Special Meeting to address additional measures to protect the public health due to the rise in the local risk factor to high. Following public comment, council discussion and amendments, Resolution 2021-01 was approved and available here: <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates>

The new mandate is effective at noon tomorrow, Saturday January 9, 2021 and expires at noon on Wednesday, January 13. City Council will consider changes to the mandate at their meeting on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Here is a summary of the current Measures to Protect Public Health:

- **State Orders:** Everyone is to follow State of Alaska Health Outbreak Orders
- **Face Coverings:** Coverings over the nose and mouth are required of customers and visitors of businesses and organizations, as well as employees and volunteers serving customers.
- **Hunker Down:** Everyone is to stay at home as much as possible, with limited exceptions for work, school, groceries/supplies, health care and fresh air
- **Gathering Size Limit:** Any gathering is limited to 10 people and individuals must wear face coverings and maintain six foot distancing between household groups.
- **Temporary Closure to Dine-in Service at Bars and Restaurants:** Take-out and delivery encouraged.
- **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, or been released from care by a health care provider.
- **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.
- **Penalties:** Violation of local order 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.

UPDATED HOURS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS:

- City Hall 581-1251: (City Clerk, Finance, Planning & Administration): Open 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Business will be conducted electronically, by telephone and U.S. Mail; notary services available; no other in-person appointments; staff available by email and telephone
- Public Works & Utilities 581-1260: 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. No in-person service; business will be conducted electronically, by telephone and U.S. Mail; staff available by telephone and email
- Landfill 581-5757: Open normal hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 9am-6pm
- Ports & Harbors 581-1254: Business will be conducted electronically, by telephone and U.S. Mail; Harbor Officers continue to be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 359-1254

- Public Safety (Police, Fire, EMS): Lobby open 24/7; call 911 in case of emergency; non-emergency calls please use 581-1233; background checks available, but no fingerprinting services
- DMV 581-1233: Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm, by appointment only; road tests not currently available

Beginning Monday, January 11th PCR facility operations will be as follows:

Aquatic Center 581-1649:

By reservation only. Space is limited and strict social distancing measures will be in place. Facility will be sanitized periodically throughout the day to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Monday- Friday

6:00am – 7:00am / 10:00am – 11:00am / 12:00noon – 1:00pm / 3:30pm – 4:30pm / 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Saturday & Sunday

1:00pm – 2:00pm / 3:00pm – 4:00pm / 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Community Center 581-1297:

By reservation only. Space is limited and strict social distancing measures will be in place. Facility will be sanitized periodically throughout the day to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Monday – Friday

7:00am – 10:00am / 12:00noon – 2:00pm / 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday

12:00noon – 4:00pm

Unalaska Public Library 581-5060:

Curbside pickup service for books and movies. Email us at library@ci.unalaska.ak.us or call 581-5060 between 1:00pm – 4:00pm any day to tell us your requests, and we will get them ready for you.

Pick up times are Mon-Fri, 5:00pm – 7:00pm and Sat-Sun 4:00pm – 6:00pm

When you arrive to pick up, call us from the parking lot to let us know you are here. Please note that you must wear a mask to pick up, and only one person can enter the pick-up area at a time.

If you're not sure what you want or are up for a surprise, you can also request a care package of books or movies that we will pick out!

We are not charging fines for items due during our closure, and all items checked out will be due two weeks after we reopen, date TBD.