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NEWS RELEASE

Friday, January 22, 2021, 4:30pm, News Release no. 186
Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: HIGH

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

NEW CASES ----- 9
 Industry Related----- 8
 Household Members----- 1

CURRENT ACTIVE CASES----- 54
 Industry Related-----50
 Travel Related ----- 0
 Community Acquired ----- 0
 Household Members----- 4

Cumulative COVID Tests Performed Locally---*6,291
Cumulative Positive Persons Tested Locally-----301

**This total does not include internal surveillance testing performed by industry unless such testing produced a positive result.*

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT: Today we report 508 new cases, 14 new hospitalizations and 1 additional death of an Alaska resident since our News Release on January 20.

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	51,204	1,697	52,901
Cumulative Hospitalizations	1,160	24	1,184
Deaths Statewide	252	2	254
State's Case Count for Unalaska	112	167	279

ALYESKA SEAFOODS TEMPORARY SHUTDOWN: Today, Westward Seafoods, owner of Alyeska Seafoods in Unalaska, has temporarily halted production based on a cluster of positive cases of COVID-19 identified during surveillance testing of the workforce at the Alyeska plant. The company has enacted their plans for responding to positive cases identified within their workforce including isolating positive cases, assisting with contact tracing efforts, quarantining direct contacts, and activating a robust plan for additional surveillance testing.

UNISEA UPDATE: Unisea continues to make substantial progress toward containing the COVID-19 outbreak in their Unalaska plant. A second round of mass testing of their workforce shows promising results. Unisea has been working closely with State Public Health officials and enacting their outbreak response plan. A phased approach, which includes additional testing, continues at this time.

COVID VACCINES: The State of Alaska indicates that vaccine availability continues to be very limited at this time. Their goal is to ensure that all who would like a vaccine will be able to receive one as soon as possible. Alaskans 65 years and older, and many healthcare workers, continue to be eligible to receive the vaccine where appointments are available. The State will continue to work to mobilize vaccines as they are received.

The IFHS Clinic is compiling a waitlist for the next phase and reaching out to individuals when they have any openings in the current phase, because the vaccines come 10 doses to a vial and once opened, the vial must be used within a certain time.

Vaccine administration for tribal members takes place separate from the State of Alaska allocation plan. Thus, tribal members may contact APIA to determine their plan for vaccine administration.