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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: High.

CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are still no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Unalaska.

Patients tested by IFHS	7
Confirmed Negative Tests	4
Confirmed Positive Tests	0
Pending Test Results	3

VIRUS TESTING IN UNALASKA: The local IFHS Clinic anticipates being able to get quicker results for coronavirus tests as commercial labs in Anchorage get up to speed. Our tests have been going to the state lab in Fairbanks. The potential of same day or next day results is possible, once rapid testing is available in Anchorage, which is anticipated soon. The clinic hopes get rapid testing in Unalaska, but that is likely a couple of months away given the high need in other areas, such as New York and Louisiana.

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are 85 confirmed cases in the state as of 3pm yesterday.

STATE MANDATES: Governor Dunleavy issued two mandates yesterday to protect the public health of Alaskans, and to lessen the impact of coronavirus. State mandates override local emergency orders.

Everyone is encouraged to read the full text of the Governor's mandates (link below), and to sign up for email and text alerts.

Link to all State mandates: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

Link to FAQ for Mandates 11 and 12: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

Yesterday's mandates address:

1. Social Distancing & Closing Businesses-Health Mandate 11
 - a. **Effective Date:** March 28, 2020, 5:00 pm
 - b. **Purpose:** to restrict movement of people in the state to prevent, slow or otherwise disrupt the spread of the virus

- c. **Social Distancing:** All persons in Alaska are mandated (ordered) to remain at their place of residence and practice social distancing, defined as keeping six feet or more between you and other people who are not part of your household. People providing essential health care, public government services and essential business activities are exempt.
- d. **Closure of non-essential businesses:** All businesses within Alaska, except those listed in Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the state except Minimum Basic Operations. Businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors working from home.

2. Intrastate Travel Prohibited-Health Mandate 12

- a. **Effective Date:** March 28, 2020, 8:00 am
- b. **Purpose:** to restrict movement of people in the state to prevent, slow or otherwise disrupt the spread of the virus
- c. **Travel prohibited between communities:** All in-state travel between communities, whether resident, worker, or visitor, is prohibited unless travel is to support critical infrastructure, or for critical personal needs.

GET OUTSIDE: Even with all of the “stay at home orders”, it is important to note that outdoor activity is permitted and encouraged, as long as social distancing outside your family unit is followed. Always keep six feet between you and anyone outside your household. It is important to get fresh air, to move, and to get those endorphins pumping to keep our immune systems in tip top shape.

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