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NEWS RELEASE

Monday, February 1, 2021, 2:30pm, News Release no. 190

Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: HIGH

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

NEW CASES ----- 22

Industry Related ----- 22

Household Members ----- 0

Community Acquired ----- 0

Household Acquired ----- 0

CURRENT ACTIVE CASES ----- 66

Industry Related ----- 64

Travel Related ----- 0

Community Acquired ----- 2

Household Acquired ----- 0

Cumulative COVID Tests Performed Locally ---6,767

Cumulative Positive Persons Tested Locally-----374

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT: Today we report 392 new cases, 3 new hospitalizations and no new deaths since the News Release issued on Friday.

| STATEWIDE STATISTICS | Resident | Non-Resident | Total |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| Cumulative Cases | 52,668 | 1,791 | 54,459 |
| Cumulative Hospitalizations | 1,179 | 26 | 1,205 |
| Deaths Statewide | 260 | 2 | 262 |
| State's Case Count for Unalaska | 136 | 192 | 328 |

COVID VACCINE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THEIR HOUSEHOLDS: The Oonalaska Wellness Center (OWC/APIA) has received a number of COVID-19 vaccines and eligibility has recently been opened to non-beneficiary household members of Indian Health Service beneficiaries who are at least 18 years of age. The Qawalangin Tribe is assisting the Oonalaska Wellness Center in their efforts to coordinate the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like more information on registration or scheduling, please reach out to Alysha Richardson, Emergency Response and Community Safety Coordinator for the Qawalangin Tribe, by email at alysha@qawalangin.com or by phone at 581-7491. Interested parties can also reach the Oonalaska Wellness Center at 581-2742.

COVID VACCINE AT IFHS CLINIC: The IFHS Clinic received 100 doses of the vaccine last week, and has learned they will receive an additional 100 doses next week for the February allocation from the State of Alaska. Those eligible for state-managed vaccine include Alaskans ages 65 and above, staff and residents of long-term care facilities, and many health care workers. Vaccine managed by the Alaska Tribal Health System, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Department of Defense may have different eligibility criteria.

Unfortunately, we are not yet ready to vaccinate other Alaskans at this time. Thank you for your patience as we protect our vulnerable elders. People 65 and older represent 70% of deaths from COVID-19, even though this group represents just 10% of Alaskans. As we receive more vaccine doses, everyone who would like to get vaccinated will have the opportunity.

If you are age 65 or older, please telephone the IFHS Clinic at 907.581.1202 to schedule a vaccine appointment. If age 50 or older, please call to let them know that you'd like to be on the waiting list for vaccine when the next tier is opened.

REQUIREMENT FOR FACE MASKS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Travel has led, and continues to lead to, interstate and international spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Wearing masks that completely cover the mouth and nose reduces the spread of COVID-19. People who never develop symptoms (asymptomatic) or are not yet showing symptoms (pre-symptomatic) might not know that they are infected but can still spread COVID-19 to others. Masks also offer protection to the wearer.

The CDC has issued an order that requires face masks to be worn by all travelers while on public transportation (which includes all passengers and all personnel operating conveyances). People must wear masks that completely cover both the mouth and nose while awaiting, boarding, disembarking, or traveling on airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares as they are traveling into, within, or out of the United States and U.S. territories. People must also wear masks while at transportation hubs (e.g., airports, bus or ferry terminals, train and subway stations, seaports) and other locations where people board public transportation in the United States and U.S. territories.

Visit the CDC website for more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>