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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: MEDIUM

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

NEW CASES (all Industry Related) ----- 30
CURRENT ACTIVE CASES ----- 53
 Industry Related ----- 52
 Community Acquired ----- 1
CUMULATIVE COVID Tests Performed Locally ----- 7,206
CUMULATIVE Positive Persons Tested Locally ----- 437

We presently have 53 active cases, 1 of which has been moved from Industry Related to Community Acquired based on new information. It is felt that this Community Acquired case is isolated and poses limited risk to the community at large. Therefore, based on the Emergency Response Plan, Unalaska Unified Command is pleased to reduce our Local Risk Factor to **MEDIUM**.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Due to the reduction of the Local Risk Factor to **MEDIUM**, the Unalaska City Council has called a Special Meeting for Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to consider revisions to the ongoing measures to protect public health.

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT: Today we report 329 new cases, 5 new hospitalizations and 1 new death since the News Release issued on Monday.

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	53,991	2,106	56,097
Cumulative Hospitalizations	1,192	32	1,224
Deaths Statewide	278	2	280
State's Case Count for Unalaska	146	227	373

NEW COVID MANDATE: Last evening the Unalaska City Council adopted a new local mandate containing measures to protect the public health, which is effective at noon today and expires at noon on February 24, 2021. The local mandate, Resolution 2021-09, is largely the same as previous mandates, with additions and clarifications related to the State Ferry and Marine Tourism. The new local mandate is available on the City website at <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates>

Summary of Unalaska's 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.
- **Public Indoor Gathering Limitations:**
 - Gatherings are meetings or events that bring together people from multiple households

- Limit to 10 people
- Face coverings required
- Maintain 6 foot social distancing between household groups
- EXCEPTIONS:
 - School District limited to 50% of classroom occupancy or 10 people per room, whichever is greater pursuant to their State Smart Start 2020 Plan
 - Bars and restaurants limited to 35% maximum occupancy or 10 people per room, whichever is greater; tables must be 6 feet apart, and no more than 5 people per table; sit down service only, no bar or rail service
 - Places of worship limited to 35% of maximum occupancy or 10 people per room, whichever is greater
- **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.
- **Alaska Residents Traveling on State Ferry for Critical Personal Needs:** Travelers from other Alaskan communities, traveling to Unalaska on the Alaska Marine Highway System for critical personal needs, are exempt from certain portions of the Travel Quarantine, in that they may enter stores or businesses for critical personal needs. When not engaged in meeting critical personal needs, ferry travelers are required to follow self-quarantine requirements.
- **Marine Tourism:** Marine tourism passengers and providers are required to adhere to resolutions, ordinances, orders of the City Manager, or any other local mandates related to public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **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.

COVID VACCINE, NEW ELIGIBILITY TIER: The state has released the opening of the next vaccine eligibility tier, which begins tomorrow at noon. Alaskans currently eligible to receive the COVID vaccine include people age 65 and over and most health care workers. Starting February 11, people in these categories are eligible to schedule vaccine appointments:

- People 50 years and above with a high-risk medical condition*
- People 50 years and above working as a frontline essential worker*
- Pre K–12 and child care education staff
- People living or working in congregate settings*

*Limitations apply. See DHSS website for further information:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAvailability.aspx#1b1>

Vaccine managed by the Alaska Tribal Health System, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Department of Defense may have different eligibility criteria. Vaccine doses will be distributed throughout Alaska in a series of phases. Over time, everyone who wants to be vaccinated will be able to get vaccinated.

Call either the IFHS or APIA clinic to schedule your appointment if you are in one of the eligible categories!