

## **CITY OF UNALASKA**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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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

**STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:** There are 114 confirmed cases in the state as of yesterday.

**SHIPPING TO UNALASKA:** The Governor's mandates don't affect shipping operations because they are considered essential businesses. Matson issued a statement that their Alaska operations will continue without interruption. Matson arrives weekly in Unalaska, bringing groceries, supplies and other goods to Unalaska from Tacoma.

**STATE MANDATES:** Governor Dunleavy has issued several mandates to protect the public health during the coronavirus pandemic. **Alaskans are expected to comply with all mandates.** The purpose of these measures is to flatten the COVID-19 curve and protect the health of all Alaskans. Alaskans who disregard the mandates are putting themselves and their communities at risk. If you feel like you need to report non-compliance, send an email to <a href="maintaintenant-investigations@alaska.gov">investigations@alaska.gov</a>. State and local law enforcement will enforce, however, the focus will be on education. Law enforcement officials will be responding to complaints and educating the public when they notice obvious violations that jeopardize the safety of individuals or the community.

The Governor's mandates, related documents and answers to frequently asked questions, can be found here: <a href="https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/">https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</a>

Mandate 10.1-International & Interstate Travel-Order for Self-Quarantine (effective 3/25/2020). All people arriving in Alaska from another state or country, whether resident, worker or visitor, are required to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for illness. Go directly to your quarantine site (home or hotel) from the airport; leave only for medical emergencies or to seek medical care; do not visit public places; do not allow visitors; and if other people live in your quarantine location, comply with six foot social distancing. Arriving residents and workers in self-quarantine should work from home, unless you work in critical infrastructure. Critical infrastructure businesses are required to take special protective measures and

are required to submit their plans and protocols to the state outlining how they will avoid the spread of COVID-19 and not endanger the lives of the their employees and the communities in which they operate.

Many travelers must go through Anchorage before arriving at a final destination elsewhere in Alaska. Two 14-day quarantine periods (first in Anchorage and second in the final destination) are <u>not</u> required. One 14-day quarantine period at the final destination is required.

Mandate 12-Intrastate Travel-Limiting travel between communities to critical infrastructure or critical personal needs (effective 3/28/2020). 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. Critical personal needs include buying, selling or delivering groceries and home goods; obtaining fuel for vehicles or residential needs; transporting family members for out-of-home care; essential health needs; child custody exchanges; receiving essential heal care; providing essential health care to a family member; obtaining other important goods; and engaging in subsistence activities.

No one traveling to or from any community within the state for critical reasons is subject to automatic quarantine or isolation on arrival.

Mandate 11-Social Distancing (effective 3/28/2020). 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.

- 1. Work from home as much as possible
- 2. Immediately isolate family members who are ill
- 3. Outdoor activity is permitted when a distance of six feet or more can be maintained
- 4. Stay home if you are ill except for medical care
- 5. Private and public gatherings of non-household members, regardless of the number of people, are prohibited. This includes church, weddings, parties, funerals, graduations, etc.

Mandate 11-Closure of Non-Essential Businesses (effective 3/28/2020). 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. See the mandate for further explanation.

**SOCIAL SERVICE SUPPORT:** If you are presently on travel quarantine and concerned about obtaining food or supplies, please call USAFV at 581-1500.

**CRISIS LINES:** If you need help, are distressed, want to talk about your troubles, help is available! Please call:

- USAFV 24-Hour Crisis Line (907) 581-1500
- USAFV Toll-Free 24-Hour Crisis Line (800) 478-7238
- APIA Behavioral Health Crisis Line (907) 359-2743

## **RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION:**

- CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.coronavirus.gov
- State of Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx</a>
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