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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: MEDIUM

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: Case categories indicate where a person was most likely exposed to or acquired the virus.

NEW CASES (both Industry Related) ----- 2
CURRENT ACTIVE CASES ----- 12
 Industry Related ----- 12
 Household Members ----- 0
 Community Acquired ----- 0
 Household Acquired ----- 0
CUMULATIVE Positive Persons Tested Locally ----- 713
CUMULATIVE COVID Tests Performed Locally ----- 8,074

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT: Reporting 343 new cases statewide, 5 new hospitalizations and no additional deaths since the March 5 news release.

| STATEWIDE STATISTICS | Resident | Non-Resident | Total |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| Cumulative Cases | 57,216 | 2,459 | 59,675 |
| Cumulative Hospitalizations | 1,258 | 40 | 1,298 |
| Deaths Statewide | 301 | 4 | 305 |
| State's Case Count for Unalaska | 157 | 461 | 618* |

Data source: <https://alaska-coronavirus-vaccine-outreach-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>

**The total reported by State DHSS for Unalaska doesn't match the "Cumulative Positive Persons Tested Locally" because of various factors, including timing of reporting to and by the State; individuals may have previously tested positive before arriving in Unalaska, so were not counted as an additional positive person by the State; or because of other intricacies in how the State tracks cases.*

CDC GUIDANCE FOR THOSE FULLY VACCINATED: The CDC announced guidelines today for people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. People are considered fully vaccinated when they are two weeks past their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine, or two weeks past their dose of the J&J/Janssen vaccine. If you are fully vaccinated, the guidelines are:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing
- Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease
- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households
- Avoid medium and large in-person gatherings
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

Further information is available on the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html?fbclid=IwAR1sTbI9VWIG77RMB6XUpytAi-zLelioh03puOy7MrASlbWWQLw1ePYKGpg>

COMMUNITY SURVEY: The Unalaska City Council requested the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to re-issue its online survey and make stronger efforts to reach more people in the community. The last survey garnered 100 responses and a few of the answers assisted with changes in how the COVID statistics were reported locally. City Council would like more individuals to participate in this survey to assist the EOC and City Council with understanding the effects of COVID-19 on the community; to examine the impact on people's daily routines; to gauge public perception about local mandates; and finally, to determine what percentage of the community intends to receive the vaccine when available. The survey period is March 8-April 8, 2021. A summary of the responses will be provided to City Council at their regular meeting April 13, 2021. The survey is available in English, Spanish, Tagalog and Russian at the link below, or by scanning the QR code with your phone.

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/a3fd68a5385b481f8bc347f2bfba8083>



SPRING BREAK TRAVEL: Spring Break for the Unalaska City School District is coming up March 13-21. Because travel increases the chance of spreading and getting COVID-19, the CDC continues to recommend no travel at this time. The CDC website contains further information here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>. If you plan to travel out of town for Spring Break, please remember that returning travelers will be subject to the City's travel quarantine (10 days quarantine; or 7 days quarantine with a negative PCR test), with exemptions for those who have tested positive for COVID and recovered within the last 3 months; and who have been fully vaccinated within two weeks of the travel date.