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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: **MEDIUM**

UPDATED LOCAL COVID MANDATE: Yesterday the Unalaska City Council revised the local COVID mandate (Resolution 2021-15). Due to updated guidance provided by the CDC, council removed the 3-month window exempting fully vaccinated individuals from the traveler quarantine, meaning that **individuals fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine upon arrival in Unalaska**. Council also removed the three passenger limit for taxicabs. The new mandate is effective at noon today through noon on April 14, 2021, and is on the City website at <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates>

COVID VACCINES ADMINISTERED LOCALLY:

COVID VACCINES	1 st Dose	Fully Vaccinated
IFHS & E. Aleutian Tribes	2,906	370
APIA / Oonalaska Wellness	822	275
Total	3,728	645

HELP STOP THE PANDEMIC – GET VACCINATED! Everyone who is age 16 and above, living or working in Alaska, is eligible to receive the vaccine. Call the IFHS Clinic at 581-1202 or the Q-Tribe at 581-2920 to schedule your vaccine appointment.

- The vaccine is effective to keep you from getting COVID-19
- Even if you do get COVID-19, the vaccine will help keep you from getting seriously ill
- You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the vaccine, so continue to protect yourself while your body builds immunity
- After you are fully vaccinated, you can start doing some of the things you stopped doing because of the pandemic, such as
 - Gathering indoors with other fully vaccinated people, without face coverings
 - Gathering indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household, without face coverings (unless anyone is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19)
 - If you've been exposed to COVID-19, you do not need to isolate or get tested, unless you have symptoms
- **After you are fully vaccinated, you are exempt from Unalaska's travel quarantine!**
- Because health officials are still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19, after you've been fully vaccinated, you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding large crowds and poorly ventilated spaces until we know more

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

NEW CASES (Industry Related) ----- 1
CURRENT ACTIVE CASES (all Industry Related) ----- 5
 Industry Related ----- 5
 Travel Related ----- 0
 Community Acquired ----- 0
 Household Acquired ----- 0
CUMULATIVE Positive Persons Tested Locally -----730
CUMULATIVE COVID Tests Performed Locally -----8,176

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT: Reporting 399 new cases statewide, 18 new hospitalizations and 2 additional deaths since the March 22 news release.

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	59,383	2,530	61,913
Cumulative Hospitalizations	1,336	40	1,376
Deaths Statewide	308	4	312
State's Case Count for Unalaska	163	474	637

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.*

ONCE WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE: New Releases such as this will now be issued once a week on Wednesdays. Rest assured that if the COVID-19 situation changes significantly, or there is important news to report, additional news releases will be issued and frequency may be increased.