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## NEWS RELEASE

**Monday, April 12, 2021, 2:45 pm News Release no. 216**

### **Coronavirus COVID-19**

#### **LOCAL RISK FACTOR: HIGH**

**US SEAFOODS F/T SEAFREEZE AMERICA:** F/T Seafreeze America, with a total of 51 individuals, came into port on Saturday, April 10th, after identifying potential COVID-19 cases, for confirmation testing. Confirmation testing of those aboard were completed by IFHS Clinic on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Testing resulted in 26 confirmed positives (industry related) and 2 presumed positives. Contact tracing is currently underway. US Seafoods is developing a plan now, with involvement of State of Alaska Unified Command and City of Unalaska Unified Command. US Seafoods has already begun the process of flying out crew members.

#### **QUARANTINE AND TESTING RECOMMENDED FOR UNVACCINATED VISITORS TO THE NORWEGIAN RAT SALOON:**

As announced yesterday with Nixel alerts, quarantine and testing is recommended for individuals who are not fully vaccinated and visited the Norwegian Rat Saloon after 10pm on Saturday, April 10th due to possible COVID-19 exposure. COVID-19 positive individuals are believed to have visited the Norwegian Rat Saloon during that time. Individuals who are fully vaccinated, or who have tested positive and recovered in the past three months, do not need to quarantine as a result of this potential exposure under CDC guidance. Testing may occur as early as four to five days following this potential exposure, and individuals should monitor for symptoms and minimize contact with others during that time. Individuals wishing to be tested should call the IFHS Clinic at 581-1202 or Oonalaska Wellness Center at 581-2742. These actions will help to limit more widespread exposure in the community. As additional details are identified, individuals may be contacted based on direct exposure.

**RAISE IN LOCAL RISK FACTOR:** Due to widespread exposure of COVID-19, Unalaska Unified Command has raised the community's Local Risk Factor to **HIGH** pursuant to the Emergency Response Plan. The Emergency Response Plan is available on the City of Unalaska website:

<https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/covid-19-emergency-response-plan>.

Once there has been two weeks of no additional community spread cases in Unalaska, consideration may be given to step down to Medium Risk. With the vaccine widely available and yesterday's notice, we hope the impact of this exposure will be limited. Additional contact tracing, testing and analysis continues. City Council already planned to consider community wide protective measures at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13. This increased Risk Level will be factored into the discussion.

*Next News Release will issue on Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

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