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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: High.

CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are no confirmed cases of coronavirus / COVID-19 on the island.

Patients tested by IFHS	9
Confirmed Negative Tests	6
Confirmed Positive Tests	0
Pending Test Results	3

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are 143 confirmed cases in the state as of yesterday.

RAVN AIR: The City was notified midday today that Ravn is discontinuing flights between Unalaska / Dutch Harbor and Anchorage. The effective date is uncertain, but it may be as early as tomorrow, April 3, 2020.

Just before Ravn notified the City of discontinuation of service, Governor Dunleavy issued this statement:

"We want rural Alaskans to know the aviation industry is working cooperatively to ensure essential passenger service, bypass mail and freight service is maintained to their communities during these uncertain times," said Governor Dunleavy. "This morning I also spoke with officials from the United States Postal Service and they assured me they are working with contract carriers to maintain scheduled service to rural areas. The importance of the supply chain to rural Alaska communities is a priority for my administration."

We all hope that the discontinuation is temporary. City officials are already in contact with Alaska Department of Transportation, the United States Department of Transportation, the Governor's Office and others exploring options for continued commercial passenger service for our community.

CLEANING CONTRACTOR FOR QUARANTINE SITE: The City of Unalaska Emergency Operations Center (EOC), in partnership with the IFHS Clinic and industry partners, has prepared a quarantine site in Unalaska / Dutch Harbor to be used if the need arises due to coronavirus. The quarantine site will be for people who need to isolate but don't have suitable housing, and can take care of themselves. This is not a medical care facility.

The EOC is in need of a cleaning contractor to provide limited cleaning services for the quarantine site. The cleaning crew will be trained in safety protocols and proper decontamination procedures. Interested parties please contact EOC Safety Officer and Quarantine Site Branch Manager Mike Hanson at (907) 581-5329.

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