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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Coronavirus COVID-19

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

**UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:** From this point forward, Unalaska's COVID-19 Case Count will be reported in three categories, which are defined as:

- **Current Active Cases:** Total persons with positive tests in Unalaska who have not been released from isolation. These cases will be broken down into these two categories:
  - **Industry-Quarantined:** Persons employed at local seafood processing facilities, on fishing vessels in port, or in industry support companies cases who were in quarantine at the time of the positive test or where the exposure occurred within an isolated context; and
  - **Community:** Persons who have acquired the virus through community settings, travel or household exposure or who may work within the seafood industry but were not in quarantine at the time of the positive test.

Current Active Cases -----15

Industry-Quarantined-----0

Community----- 15

**COMMUNITY-WIDE PROTECTIVE MEASURES:** Last night the Unalaska City Council adopted a new local mandate, Resolution 2021-57. The only change from the previous resolution addresses face coverings, which are now **REQUIRED** to be worn by customers and visitors in businesses and organizations that are open and operating. Additionally, employees and volunteers must wear a face covering when interacting with customers and visitors. This is to provide additional protection for the next two weeks. Children under the age of two are exempt. This mandate is effective through September 8, 2021. City Council will meet in a special session on September 7 to reassess the local mandate. The full document is available on the City of Unalaska website at this link: <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/community-wide-protective-measures>. All other protective measures remain advisories, meaning that the protective measures are encouraged, not ordered. Everyone is strongly encouraged to step up their personal protective measures!

**UPDATE ON WASTEWATER TESTING:** Lab personnel at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant continue to test for COVID-19. We saw a large spike in COVID positivity on August 14, which decreased over the next few days. Starting on August 24, COVID in the wastewater stream has continued to increase, showing an upward trend consistent with our current case count.

**UNALASKA COVID-19 DATA HUB:** The City of Unalaska is now providing a COVID-19 Data Hub, which can be found at this link: <https://covid19-response-unalaska.hub.arcgis.com/>. This data hub is available 24/7 and includes the local risk factor; local case count (updated Mon/Wed/Fri); and links to local mandates, news releases, local resources, etc. Data from the State of Alaska is also included, such as vaccination rates for our region and cumulative case counts. Check it out!

**NEWS RELEASE FREQUENCY:** Because of the availability of Unalaska's COVID Data Hub, news releases will now be issued (1) when there is a change in our local risk factor; (2) when a new local mandate is adopted by City Council; or (3) when otherwise deemed necessary. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for Nixle emergency updates from Public Safety by texting 99685 to 888777. A Nixel text message will be sent whenever the risk level changes and other local emergency information.