

### **CITY OF UNALASKA**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

April 10, 2020, 2:00 pm, News Release no. 29 *Coronavirus COVID-19* 

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: High.

**CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:** There are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Unalaska.

Patients tested by IFHS	19
Confirmed Negative Tests	15
Confirmed Positive Tests	0
Pending Test Results	4

**STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:** There are 246 confirmed cases in the state.

**CLOSURE OF K-12 SCHOOLS:** Yesterday, the Governor extended the statewide closure of public and private schools through the end of the 2019-2020 School Year.

- Local schools will continue home-based education through May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Due to the school closure and coronavirus prevention mandates, the High School Prom, regretfully, is canceled.
- Plans for a meaningful and memorable Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2020 are in the
  works and tentatively planned for Saturday, May 16. The ceremony will comply with social
  distancing measures and mandates against congregant events, so necessarily will be quite
  different from years past and will not be held in the school gym. Further information will be
  provided.

#### **OTHER MANDATES:**

- Alaskans, and everyone in the state, are expected to comply with all mandates.
- Governor's Mandate (#10) requiring 14 days travel quarantine is in effect until April 21
- Mandates regarding social distancing and closing businesses (#11) and prohibiting travel within the state (#12) have been extended to April 21
- The mandate prohibiting elective oral health procedures is in effect until rescinded
- Governor's Mandates can be found here <a href="https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/">https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</a>

### Mandate 10.1-International & Interstate Travel-Order for Self-Quarantine

All people arriving in Alaska from another state or country, whether resident, worker or visitor, are required to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for illness. Go directly to your quarantine site (home or hotel) from the airport; leave only for medical emergencies or to seek medical care; do not visit public places; do not allow visitors; and if other people live in your quarantine location, comply

with six foot social distancing. Arriving residents and workers in self-quarantine should work from home, unless you work in critical infrastructure. Critical infrastructure businesses are required to take special protective measures and are required to submit their plans and protocols to the state outlining how they will avoid the spread of COVID-19 and not endanger the lives of the their employees and the communities in which they operate.

Many travelers must go through Anchorage before arriving at a final destination elsewhere in Alaska. Two 14-day quarantine periods (first in Anchorage and second in the final destination) are <u>not</u> required. One 14-day quarantine period at the final destination is required.

## **Mandate 11-Social Distancing**

All persons in Alaska are mandated (ordered) to remain at their place of residence and practice social distancing, defined as keeping six feet or more between you and other people who are not part of your household. People providing essential health care, public government services and essential business activities are exempt.

- 1. Work from home as much as possible
- 2. Immediately isolate family members who are ill
- 3. Outdoor activity is permitted when a distance of six feet or more can be maintained
- 4. Stay home if you are ill except for medical care
- 5. Private and public gatherings of non-household members, regardless of the number of people, are prohibited. This includes church, weddings, parties, funerals, graduations, etc.

## **Mandate 11-Closure of Non-Essential Businesses**

All businesses within Alaska, except those listed in Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the state except Minimum Basic Operations. Businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors working from home. See the mandate for further explanation.

# Mandate 12-Intrastate Travel-Limiting travel between communities to critical infrastructure or critical personal needs

All in-state travel between communities, whether resident, worker or visitor, is prohibited unless travel is to support critical infrastructure or for critical personal needs. Critical personal needs include buying, selling or delivering groceries and home goods; obtaining fuel for vehicles or residential needs; transporting family members for out-of-home care; essential health needs; child custody exchanges; receiving essential heal care; providing essential health care to a family member; obtaining other important goods; and engaging in subsistence activities. No one traveling to or from any community within the state for critical reasons is subject to automatic quarantine or isolation on arrival.

#### **RESOURCES:**

- Local social services support (food, supplies and more) call USAFV at 581-1500
- USAFV Toll-Free 24-Hour Crisis Line (907) 478-7238 or 581-1500
- Report COVID-19 Mandate Violations (907) 359-1323 or Sqt. Wood at kwood@ci.unalaska.ak.us
- City of Unalaska website www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/coronavirus
- State of Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services website www.coronavirus.alaska.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website <u>www.cdc.gov</u>
- World Health Organization (WHO) website <a href="https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019">https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019</a>