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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 in Unalaska, and no changes in the testing numbers from yesterday.

Patients tested by IFHS	25
Confirmed Negative Tests	23
Confirmed Positive Tests	0
Pending Test Results	2

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are 293 confirmed cases in the state.

CITY'S EMERGENCY ORDER: The Unalaska City Council yesterday continued their earlier emergency orders and added new requirements to help ensure public health & safety in Unalaska (City Council Resolution 2020-19). These orders went into effect at noon today, April 15, 2020, and continue through April 29, but may be extended.

A very brief summary of these orders is as follows:

1. Everyone (individuals and businesses) must follow mandates issued by the Governor, Alaska DHSS and the CDC.
2. Everyone must stay at home as much as possible, except to work in certain critical jobs; to obtain groceries or other important goods; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without contacting others.
3. Everyone should maintain social distancing on the limited occasions when you leave home.
4. Everyone should follow recommended hygiene, including regular hand washing.
5. **All customers are required to wear a covering over your nose and mouth when visiting a business that is serving the public.**
6. Business owners may refuse admission or service to anyone not wearing a face covering.
7. TRAVEL INTO THE CITY
 - a. Everyone arriving into the city by boat or plane must self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival and monitor for symptoms of illness (see exception for critical workforce) and after quarantine they must comply with CDC, state and local orders.

- b. Critical workforce employees arriving in the city must self-quarantine unless their employer has filed the required protective plan with the State and with the City, in which case employees must comply with that plan; and these employees are required to self-quarantine during non-work hours.
8. Critical businesses still operating should comply with social distancing guidelines as much as possible, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for employees and for members of the public, including when any customers are standing in line.
9. All other businesses and entities in the City must close their premises but may continue to telecommute or work from home.
10. All essential or critical infrastructure businesses operating in the City that are required to submit plans to the State are now required to also submit those plans to the Unalaska Department of Public Safety by email to COVID19PLANS@ci.unalaska.ak.us.
11. All critical businesses operating in the City, which are not required to submit protective plans to the State, that are serving members of the public at physical locations in the city, are required to post "COVID-19 Protection Measures and Procedures" on all entrances and exits of the business. See the minimum requirements contained in Resolution 2020-19.

The Council believes these protective measures are necessary, in addition to the Governor's mandates and CDC recommendations, because COVID-19 poses such a threat to our health and safety and because we do not have hospital care in our community. The document (Resolution 2020-19) is available in the vestibule at City Hall, by email request to the City Clerk, and on the City Website www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/coronavirus

UTILITY ACCOUNT HARDSHIP RELIEF: In conjunction with the recently enacted COVID-19 relief law, the City of Unalaska will not shut off utility service to eligible residential customers affected by the emergency, will waive late fees, and offer deferred payment plans. Residential customers experiencing financial hardship related to the COVID-19 public health emergency are eligible. Application is required (Sworn Statement of Financial Hardship). Business accounts are not eligible. This program will remain in effect until November 15, 2020 or until the Governor's emergency declaration ends, whichever is earlier.

If financial hardship is declared, residential customers can expect:

- No service disconnection due to non-payment
- Waiver of late fees
- To make no payments until the earliest of these events: November 15, 2020; or when the Governor's emergency declaration ends; or customer is no longer experiencing financial hardship related to COVID-19.
- Deferred payment agreement required

The application (Sworn Statement of Financial Hardship) and the required Deferred Payment Agreement are available in the vestibule at City Hall or on the City Website at:

<https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/publicutilities/page/utility-account-hardship-relief-related-covid-19>

Questions? Contact the Department of Public Utilities at 581-1260

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