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NEWS RELEASE

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LOCAL RISK FACTOR: High.

CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are 0 confirmed cases of coronavirus in Unalaska; and no change in the number tested from yesterday.

Patients tested in Unalaska	39
Confirmed Negative Tests	39
Confirmed Positive Tests	0

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are 339 confirmed cases in the state.

STATE MANDATES: The State is keeping us on our toes with new and modified mandates. Late yesterday Governor Dunleavy modified Health Mandate #16, removing the language preempting local orders; issued several more attachments to Mandate #16; and issued Mandate #17 containing protective measures for independent commercial fishing vessels. All of the Governor's Mandates, Attachments and answers to frequently asked questions for several of the mandates can be found online at https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/ or call the City Clerk for copies.

Because the Governor removed the language preempting local orders, Unalaska's Resolution 2020-19, remains in effect until April 29, 2020. To be clear, local businesses that were closed because of state or local orders MAY NOT OPEN TODAY because of the authority of the local order. The City Council will, at their meeting on April 28, discuss whether or not to continue or modify local orders.

A brief summary of the local orders from Resolution 2020-19 was published on April 15, and is repeated here:

- 1. Everyone must <u>follow mandates</u> issued by the Governor, Alaska DHSS and the CDC.
- 2. Everyone must <u>stay at home as much as possible</u>, 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 <u>maintain social distancing</u> on the limited occasions when you leave home.
- 4. Everyone should follow recommended hygiene, including regular hand washing.
- 5. All customers are <u>required to wear a covering over your nose and mouth</u> 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 <u>self-quarantine for 14 days</u> 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 <u>self-quarantine unless their</u> <u>employer has filed the required protective plan with the State and with the City</u>, in which case employees must comply with that plan; and these employees are <u>required to self-quarantine during non-work hours</u>.
- 8. Critical businesses still operating should <u>comply with social distancing guidelines</u> 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 <u>close their premises</u> 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 <u>Public Safety</u> 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 <u>required to</u> <u>post "COVID-19 Protection Measures and Procedures</u>" on all entrances and exits of the business. See the minimum requirements contained in Resolution 2020-19.

Next News Release scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2020

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