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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Coronavirus COVID-19**

<b>STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNTS</b>	
Current Confirmed Cases of Coronavirus	1
Cumulative Confirmed Cases since 01/01/2020	1
Negative samples tested at State Labs	124
Negative samples tested at commercial/academic labs	19
Cumulative samples since 01/01/2020	143

The one confirmed case in Alaska is travel-related and the source of infection is known. As the number of tests increases, the number of confirmed cases likely will increase.

### **CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNTS**

The IFHS Clinic in Unalaska has tested one patient for coronavirus, and the result of the test is pending (waiting for results). The individual tested has minimal symptoms, is doing very well and is under quarantine until the test result is received. Even though there are no confirmed cases here, City and health officials continue to focus on measures to limit the spread of the virus to protect our community.

### **THRESHOLDS OF RISK AND PLANS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING**

City officials have developed risk thresholds and corresponding plans for social distancing to limit the spread of the virus in our community. That document is attached. **Our present Risk Factor is low.**

Social distancing measures have proven effective in the past to stop the spread of disease. If no measures are taken, the virus can easily spread, affecting more people and possibly overwhelming our capacity to care for them and others. Some people wonder if social distancing is warranted. It is. If we can reduce the risk, we should, in order to stop this virus spreading in our community.

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## Guidelines for Social Distancing

### *Coronavirus COVID-19*

**Purpose:** To identify the risk factors associated with the COVID-19 virus and the impacts it would have on daily life in Unalaska; and to set threshold limits for cancelling city sponsored events and closing non-essential facilities.

**Risk Factors:** for the spread of COVID-19 to Unalaska island

1. Low risk
  - a. No confirmed cases in Alaska
  - b. No confirmed cases in Unalaska
  - c. The clinic maintains the ability to treat day to day patients
2. Medium Risk
  - a. Few confirmed cases in Alaska with identifiable infectious source
  - b. One case in Anchorage with unidentifiable infectious source
  - c. Cases affecting the fishing industry in Alaska and Washington
3. High Risk
  - a. Confirmed community spread in Anchorage
  - b. Multiple people under investigation (PUI) in Unalaska
  - c. One confirmed case in Unalaska
  - d. The clinic is overwhelmed with patients

**Social Distancing Measures:** by risk level for the city of Unalaska

1. Low risk
  - a. Avoid contact closer than 6 feet of those that may be sick
  - b. Practice good hand washing techniques
  - c. Stay home if you are sick
  - d. Family isolation should be considered for those members in close contact with sick family members
2. Medium risk
  - a. Begin notifications and preparations for canceling large city sponsored gatherings
  - b. Encourage private industry to limit large groupings of people when possible
  - c. Expand EOC personnel to accommodate and prepare for a larger scale response
  - d. Consider canceling city sponsored travel
  - e. Encourage the community to halt all non-essential travel
  - f. Isolate Senior Center
3. High risk
  - a. Recommendation from the City for limited activity outside of the home
  - b. PCR, Library and other public building closures
  - c. Closure of non-essential public buildings to the public
  - d. Implement remote work protocols
  - e. Recommendation from the City to suspend school in-person education

**THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE DYNAMICS OF THIS VIRUS SPREAD**