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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: **Medium**

CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are 0 confirmed cases in Unalaska.

Patients tested in Unalaska	67
Confirmed Negative Tests	67
Confirmed Positive Tests	0

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are 383 confirmed cases in the state, with 338 people recovered.

NEW LOCAL MANDATE: Last night, City Council adopted a revised local COVID-19 Protective Order, effective noon today through noon May 27, 2020. The "hunker down" order has been lifted, and everyone is town must follow state mandates (see below). The new local mandate is stricter than state mandates in these areas:

- **Face Coverings:** Wear a covering over nose and mouth when visiting a business or organization; face coverings may be temporarily removed as necessary and incidental to utilizing the business or service (like eating); and businesses may refuse admission or service to anyone not wearing a face covering
- **Travel Quarantine:** Everyone arriving in Unalaska must self-quarantine for 14 days immediately on arrival (go directly to place of quarantine and stay there, leave only for medical care, don't visit public places, don't allow visitors) and monitor for symptoms of illness.
 - An exception was added for patients & travelers coming through town whose final destination is not Unalaska; those folks must self-quarantine during their layover
 - Kept the exception for people working in a critical infrastructure business who must submit protective plans to the State and City; follow their employer's protective plan; quarantine during non-work hours; and following follow the same rules as everyone else
- **Business:** All businesses must comply with all applicable State Mandates as to services, capacity, physical distancing, sanitation, etc.; and
 - Businesses that are included in the Essential Business/Critical Infrastructure and required to file protective plans with the State of Alaska, must submit those plans to the City of Unalaska by email to COVID19PLANS@ci.unalaska.ak.us.
 - All other businesses must Post "COVID-19 Protection Measures and Procedures" on all entrances to and exits from the business

Details of the new local order are contained in Resolution 2020-34, available by email on request to the City Clerk, or on the City Website here: <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates>

STATE MANDATE 16, ATTACHMENT N: This document provides guidelines and protective measures for Social, Religious and Other Gatherings and applies to non-business gatherings of individuals, both indoor and outdoor. Everyone must follow state mandates! The full documents is available by email on request to the City Clerk, or online <https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/05072020-Phase-II-016-Attachment-N-Revised-Social-Religious-and-Other-Gatherings.pdf>

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: As businesses and the community slowly reopen and restrictions are eased, individuals are even more strongly encouraged to adhere to preventive guidelines. It's up to the each one of us to do what we can to prevent the spread of illness. Wouldn't it be great if we never have a case of COVID-19 on the island? But even if we do see a positive case, we can limit the spread of disease by following these protective measures:

- Limit the number of contacts with people outside your household.
- Continue staying at least 6 feet from non-household members; social distancing remains one of the best ways to prevent the spread of disease.
- Wear a cloth face covering in public.
- Practice good hygiene: Avoid touching your face, wash your hands frequently, and regularly sanitize frequently-touched surfaces.
- If you're feeling even mildly ill with new symptoms like fatigue, cough, fever or a decreased sense of taste or smell, contact the IFHS clinic for COVID-19 screening, 581-1202. Testing is available in the Drive-Thru Testing Center if appropriate. Increased testing will help keep the lid on COVID-19 by making sure any cases are detected quickly.
- If you're an older adult or someone with an underlying medical condition, please continue to stay home as much as possible.

RESOURCES:

- Drive-up COVID-19 testing available at the IFHS Clinic, call 581-1202 for an appointment
- 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
- Unalaska Public Safety recorded information line (907) 581-6080
- Report COVID-19 Mandate Violations (907) 359-1323 or kwood@ci.unalaska.ak.us
- City of Unalaska website www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/coronavirus
- State of Alaska COVID-19 website <https://covid19.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska DHSS Response Hub: <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Governor Dunleavy's Health Mandates <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>
- State general questions and assistance, dial 2-1-1; or email covidquestions@alaska.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website www.cdc.gov
- World Health Organization (WHO) website <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

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