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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	90
Confirmed Negative Tests	90
Confirmed Positive Tests	0

**STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:**

Confirmed cases in the State	402
Recovered cases	352
Cumulative hospitalizations	44
Deaths	10

**ALASKA'S REOPEN RESPONSIBLY PLAN:** Yesterday Governor Dunleavy announced Phase 3 of the Reopen Alaska Plan, effective Friday May 22, urging all Alaskans to continue protective measures. The written plan states:

*"Make no mistake. The virus is with us. We must function with it and manage it. There will be folks who contract the virus and fall ill, but if we follow these guidelines, we can help lower potential risks and keep our way of life intact with a few exceptions."*

#### GUIDELINES:

- Stay six feet or more away from non-family members.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Wipe down surfaces frequently.
- Wear a face covering when in a public setting in close contact with others.
- Stay home if you are sick and get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms.
- Be mindful and respectful to those Alaskans that are most vulnerable to this virus. Those being our seniors and those with existing health issues.

Effective Friday May 22, all businesses, churches, libraries and museums may open (but are not required to open); and sports and recreational activities may resume. **Locally, the City's Community Center (PCR), Aquatic Center and Public Library will NOT reopen May 22.** City Staff are finalizing plans for partial reopening of these facilities, with many protective measures and restrictions in place. The target date for this partial reopening is Monday, June 1. More details will follow in future news releases.

#### EXCEPTIONS/RESTRICTIONS/CLOSURES:

- The mandatory 14-day quarantine for travelers arriving in the State remains in place.
- Senior centers, prisons and institutions continue to have restricted access.
- Proposed large public gathering are to consult first with public health before scheduling.
- Communities may elect to keep in place travel restrictions (as Unalaska has done).

Please remember that it is responsibility of individuals, businesses, and organizations to minimize the spread of COVID-19. We encourage everyone to follow local, state, national, and industry guidelines on ways to conduct business and activities safely.

**CURRENT LOCAL MANDATE:** The additional COVID-19 restrictions in Unalaska, in addition to those imposed by the State, are contained in the current local mandate (Resolution 2020-34), effective until May 27th:

- Everyone must comply with state mandates
- Strongly recommends adherence to CDC guidelines for high risk individuals
- States everyone has a personal responsibility to comply with social distancing; limiting activity and the number of contacts outside our households; and urging hand-washing and sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces
- Face coverings required to be worn in businesses
- Businesses may refuse service to anyone not wearing a face covering
- Imposes a mandatory 14-quarantine for anyone arriving in town, while monitoring for symptoms. There are exceptions for travelers on layover in Unalaska who must quarantine while here; critical workforce must quarantine during non-work hours and comply with their employer's plan; and if their employer doesn't have a plan, quarantine for 14 days
- Businesses must provide the city with copies of state-required COVID-19 protective plans
- All businesses must post COVID-19 protective plans on entries and exits, including those businesses not required by the state to submit plans

City Council will reconsider the local mandate at their meeting on Tuesday, May 26.

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