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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; and no change in the number of tests from yesterday.

Patients tested in Unalaska	95
Confirmed Negative Tests	95
Confirmed Positive Tests	0

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: Two new cases reported yesterday.

Confirmed cases in the State	404
Recovered cases	356
Cumulative hospitalizations	44
Deaths	10

ALASKA'S REOPENING PLAN: The State has provided Detailed Guidance for Phases III and IV of the Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan, which starts today, May 22, 2020. Access this document at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/reopen/> under the link for "Detailed Guidance" or call the City Clerk (581-1251, ext. 2104) to get a copy by mail or email.

This document provides links to many valuable resources to help businesses and individuals make good decisions to protect their health and that of their employees, customers and community. Everyone is urged to refer to this document and the linked resources and follow the guidance provided. This is vitally important as mandates are lifted and the responsibility is shifted from governmental restrictions to individual, business and community responsibility.

For Businesses and organizations (except for seafood processing, independent commercial fisherman & health care) all mandates have been changed to advisories and capacity restrictions have been lifted. The Detailed Guidance document provides guidance for:

- **Individual Responsibilities:** Wash hands often; avoid contact with people who are sick; stay six feet from other people; don't gather in groups & minimize interaction with others; stay away from crowds; keep your social circle small; wear a face covering when around others (face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing); stay home if you are ill; cover all coughs and sneezes; get tested for COVID-19 if you are symptomatic; clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

- Business Responsibilities: Work through relevant CDC guidance to assess risk and mitigation of disease transmission; follow new industry standards and best practices; comply with local mandates; assist people with personal mitigation strategies by providing opportunities for frequent hand washing, maintaining six foot distancing, encourage wearing of face coverings, screen for people who are ill and limit entrance to those who are healthy, extra cleaning of high touch surfaces, special accommodations for high risk populations. The document contains special sections for congregant settings, restaurants and bars, childcare facilities, day camps and mass transit.
- Community Mitigation Measures: Strategies that can help slow the spread of infection.

STATE MANDATES STILL IN EFFECT:

- Mandate 10, Appendix 01 - Enhanced protective measures for seafood processing workers
- Mandate 17 - Protective measures for independent commercial fishing vessels. This mandate and all previously submitted fleet and association protective plans are still in effect. Every effort should be made to get every worker a COVID PCR test before boarding their vessel.
- Mandate 15 - Health Care Facilities
- Mandate 10 - Interstate Travel (from outside the state). This mandate requires 14 day quarantine and symptom monitoring upon arrival in Alaska; Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure who have workers coming into the state must submit protective plans and protocols. People coming to Alaska for chartered or personal sport hunting or fishing must quarantine for 14 days on arrival.
- Mandate 18 - Intrastate Travel (within the state). There is no restriction on travel between communities on the road system or marine highway system; travel to communities not on the road or marine highway system is prohibited except for critical personal needs or the conduct of essential services and critical infrastructure.

CURRENT LOCAL MANDATE: The current local mandate is effective until May 27, and will be reconsidered by City Council on May 26, requiring:

- Face coverings to be worn in businesses
- 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
- Every business operating in the City must post COVID-19 protective plans including sanitation and social distancing measures, contact numbers for patrons to report violations and clearly stating that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms may not enter.

Next Scheduled News Release – Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – Happy Memorial Day!

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