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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 no positive cases of COVID-19 in Unalaska.

Patients tested in Unalaska	169
Confirmed Negative Tests	169
Positive Cases	0

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

Confirmed cases in the State	467
Recovered cases	368
Cumulative hospitalizations	47
Deaths	10

COVID-19 VIOLATION REPORTING LINE: A technical difficulty was identified with the City's COVID-19 violation reporting line, which has now been fixed. Call Sgt. Kevin Wood at (907) 359-1323 or contact him by email at kwood@ci.unalaska.ak.us to report suspected violations related to COVID-19.

COVID-19 AND CREW OF THE AMERICAN DYNASTY: Over the past few days there has been a significant amount of press around a COVID-19 outbreak on a trawler, the *American Dynasty*, from the Washington State area. The *American Dynasty* arrived in port in Bellingham, Washington on Thursday, May 28 after 15 days at sea, because of a symptomatic crew member. The symptomatic crew member tested positive for COVID-19. The remaining 123 crew members were tested and 85 have tested positive thus far, with several tests still pending. The *American Dynasty* was last in Unalaska / Dutch Harbor in March, so this outbreak poses no threat to our community. It's also important to understand that mandates for industry quarantines and testing are different between Washington and Alaska. In Washington, the process for clearing a crew member to board a vessel requires 5 days quarantine with one COVID test (viral RNA) and antibody testing. In Alaska, the process requires 14 days quarantine plus three COVID tests (viral RNA). The more stringent requirements in Alaska may further reduce the spread of COVID-19 to rural Alaskan communities, which are less likely to have access to hospital-based care that may be required.

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