



## CITY OF UNALASKA

43 Raven Way • P. O. Box 610  
Unalaska, Alaska 99685

[www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/coronavirus](http://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/coronavirus)

### CONTACT:

Marjie Veeder, City Clerk  
Public Information Officer  
Tel 907.581.1251

Email: [mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us](mailto:mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us)

## NEWS RELEASE

June 3, 2020, 5:15pm, News Release no. 68

### **Coronavirus COVID-19**

Unalaska, Alaska – Unalaska Unified Command announces confirmation of two positive cases of COVID-19 in Unalaska. The individuals are both male; one age 40-49 and one age 50-59; and employees of Icycle Seafoods. They have been in quarantine in Unalaska since arriving seven days ago. Both individuals were tested in Seattle prior to traveling to Unalaska and those tests were negative. The individuals are both asymptomatic and were immediately moved to isolation in Unalaska upon receiving positive test results today and are following the protocols put in place by their employer and the guidance of public health officials. The individuals are not residents of Alaska, so will be listed separately from the total state case count.

Chris Pugmire of Icycle Seafoods stated "Upon learning of the two positive cases, Icycle immediately enacted our isolation protocol for the employees and our cleaning and sanitation protocol as per our Community and Workforce Protective Plan. Although we tested all employees prior to travel to Unalaska, we were prepared for the event of a positive case and we greatly appreciate the local Unified Command's swift and coordinated response."

"While confirmation of the first positive cases of COVID-19 in our community is concerning, the parties involved did everything correctly. The positive cases were identified as part of the employer's testing protocols, which were put in place specifically to protect Icycle's workforce and our community," said Melanee Tiura, Chief Executive Officer of Iliuliuk Family & Health Services Clinic, and Health Care Consultant to Unalaska's Unified Command. The State of Alaska Department of Health & Social Services has implemented contact-tracing protocols and will contact people who may have had interactions with the individuals.

Unalaska's Unified Command will continue to closely monitor COVID-19 and the impact on our community. We remain committed to providing information, support and resources to protect the health, safety and well-being of Unalaska during this unprecedented time. Seafood industry officials and Unalaska's Unified Command have been working for months to prepare for this. We are ready. The plans and protocols implemented to keep our community safe are working.

"To the persons recently diagnosed, we offer our best wishes as they and their families deal with this difficult situation. To our community, please remember the importance of continuing to practice good preventative measures to keep Unalaska safe and healthy. Wash your hands, stay six feet from other people, wear face coverings in public and keep your social circles small. Please continue to show compassion and kindness to others as we deal with this together," said Unalaska's City Manager Erin Reinders.

Further information may be provided as it becomes available.

#####