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NEWS RELEASE

March 16, 2020, 2:00 pm, News Release no. 6 **Coronavirus COVID-19**

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Low

CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: No change; awaiting results on one test for COVID-19. The tested individual is self-isolating.

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT (updated March 16, 2020):

Current Confirmed Cases of Coronavirus in Alaska	1
Cumulative Confirmed Cases since 01/01/2020	1
Negative samples tested at State Labs	211
Negative samples tested at commercial/academic labs	39
Cumulative samples since 01/01/2020	250

CITY FACILITY CLOSURES: Beginning Monday, March 16

Unalaska City Schools
Aquatic Center
Community Center (PCR)
Unalaska Public Library

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY: On March 15, following national and state declarations of emergency, Unalaska's Mayor issued a local emergency declaration. We expect our City Council to extend the emergency declaration by resolution on March 18, so that the City Manager continues to have authority to take actions to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus in our community.

PRESIDENT'S GUIDELINES – 15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

President Donald. J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19, attached.

Please consult these resources for information:

- CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – www.coronavirus.gov
- State of Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services – coronavirus.alaska.gov
- Dial 211 - the State of Alaska information line for non-clinical questions
- City of Unalaska – www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/coronavirus-covid-19
- Call the City of Unalaska public safety recorded message line for daily updates: 581-6080

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The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

- 1) Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.
- 2) If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
- 3) If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.
- 4) If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.
- 5) If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
- 6) If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
- 7) Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus:
 - a. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
 - b. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
 - c. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
 - d. Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts – use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
 - e. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
 - f. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- 8) Practice good hygiene:
 - a. Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
 - b. Avoid touching your face.
 - c. Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
 - d. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.