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# NEWS RELEASE

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## LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium

#### UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

COVID-19 tests performed locally	787
Cumulative positive persons	10

## STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT (Alaska Residents):

New cases reported yesterday	45
Cumulative total cases	1,272
Recovered cases	571
Cumulative hospitalizations	80
Deaths	17

**WHY WEAR A FACE COVERING?** Because COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks or raises their voice (like shouting or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby, or possibly inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms and that even those who eventually develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others and are <u>most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings</u>. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent hand washing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Unalaska's local mandate <u>requires</u> customers and visitors of businesses and organizations to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth, to provide additional protection for employees and customers against the transmission of coronavirus.

Face masks may be temporarily removed as necessary and incidental to utilizing the business or service (such as eating or drinking); and business owners and operators may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering.

#### MASK UP UNALASKA!

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