



## CITY OF UNALASKA

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Coronavirus COVID-19

**LOCAL RISK FACTOR:** Medium

#### UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

COVID-19 tests performed locally	835
Cumulative positive persons	10

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

New cases reported yesterday	40
Cumulative total cases	1,579
Recovered cases	642
Cumulative hospitalizations	92
Deaths	17

**ISOLATION FACILITY:** As public health officials have gained knowledge and experience relative to COVID-19, they determined a need to differentiate between the common terms "quarantine" and "isolation". For the purposes of COVID-19, the term "quarantine" means to separate individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19 from other people. For example, persons required to observe a 14-day quarantine after returning to Unalaska from outside the community. The term "isolation" in this context means to separate individuals infected with COVID-19, both symptomatic and asymptomatic, from people who are not infected.

Unalaska Unified Command, in partnership with local seafood processing companies, has prepared an Isolation Facility for people who have no other option for isolation. All referrals to this facility will be made through a provider at the IFHS Clinic. Persons to be housed temporarily in this facility for isolation include (a) people with confirmed cases of COVID-19; (b) people showing symptoms and awaiting test results (referred to as persons under investigation, PUI); and (c) "direct contacts" of a COVID-positive person (referred to as persons under monitoring, PUM) identified during contact tracing. The Isolation Facility is not intended for persons under travel-related quarantines or for potential exposures to COVID-19 that have not met the state's criteria for "direct contacts" during contact tracing.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT:** The Unalaska City Council will consider a new local mandate to protect the public health at their 6pm meeting tonight. The community is encouraged to listen in on local KUCB TV Channel 8 or Radio Station 89.7; or call into the meeting to provide testimony at 888.251.2909, access code 5646150. Comments and questions can also be emailed to the City Clerk no later than 5pm today at [mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us](mailto:mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us) to be read into the record at the meeting. The agenda and related documents are available on the City Website. In order to provide for social distancing, we can accommodate eight (8) people in person at the meeting, who will be seated on a first come, first seated basis. Face mask required to be worn upon entering the building and until seated.

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