

#### **CITY OF UNALASKA**

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

July 15, 2020, 3:00pm, News Release no. 99 Coronavirus COVID-19

**LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium** 

## **UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:**

COVID-19 tests performed locally	854
Cumulative positive persons	10

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

New cases reported yesterday	53
Cumulative total cases	1,631
Recovered cases	663
Cumulative hospitalizations	96
Deaths	17

**NEW LOCAL MANDATE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH:** Last night the Unalaska City Council adopted a new local COVID-19 mandate, effective noon today to July 29, 2020. The local order is the same as the previous order, except language was added to allow boats to include time at sea from their last port call to Unalaska in their 14 day quarantine (see paragraph 5d for specific requirements). Unalaska's local mandate is summarized as follows:

- State Mandates and CDC Guidance: Everyone must follow State Mandates; and are strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidance, especially those at high risk for severe illness with COVID-19
- **Social Distancing:** Everyone has the personal responsibility to limit their number of contacts with other people and activities outside the home; to comply with six foot social distancing with any non-household members; and to regularly wash hands
- **Face Coverings:** We must all wear a covering over nose and mouth when visiting a business or organization in town; face coverings may be temporarily removed as necessary and incidental to utilizing the business or service (like eating); and businesses may refuse admission or service to anyone not wearing a face covering
- **Travel Quarantine:** Everyone arriving in Unalaska must self-quarantine for 14 days immediately on arrival and monitor for symptoms of illness.

- Critical workforce employees must self-quarantine on arrival unless their employer has filed the required protective plan with the City, in which case that protective plan must be followed; and they must quarantine during non-work hours within the 14-day time period
- Exception included for patients and travelers coming through town whose final destination is not Unalaska; they must quarantine during their layover in Unalaska but are not required to remain here for 14 days

# • Quarantine Rules:

- o Upon arrival in Unalaska, go directly to quarantine location and leave ONLY
  - for medical care
  - to travel in your personal vehicle or vessel, individually or with household members, without contacting other people; you must go directly from quarantine location to vehicle or vessel and return directly to quarantine location
  - to participate in outdoor recreational activities, individually or with household members, without contacting other people; you must go directly from quarantine location to outdoor activity and return directly to quarantine location
- Do NOT visit any public spaces
- o Do NOT allow visitors in quarantine location except medical care providers
- Comply with all rules or protocols related to your quarantine as set forth by your hotel or rented lodging
- o If there are other people living in your quarantine location, comply with social distancing guidelines, sanitize regularly touched surfaces and follow CDC best practices for hand washing

#### Businesses:

- Businesses that are Essential Business/Critical Infrastructure and required to file protective plans with the State of Alaska, must submit those plans to the City of Unalaska by email to <a href="mailto:COVID19PLANS@ci.unalaska.ak.us">COVID19PLANS@ci.unalaska.ak.us</a>.
- All other businesses open and operating must post "COVID-19 Protection Measures and Procedures" on all entrances to and exits from the business to include, at minimum sanitation and social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19; description of process to obtain goods and services without entering the business, if possible; contact number to report violations; and statement that persons with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are not allowed to enter.
- Shuttles and taxicabs are limited to 3 passengers and this must be clearly stated.

The new local order is Resolution 2020-45, and is available by email on request to the City Clerk, or on the City Website at https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates.

**UNALASKA CARES FUNDING:** The City Council last night approved an overall spending plan for the \$13,453,952 allocated to the City through the CARES Act, as follows:

- Grants to support Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations 40%
- City's Response and Prevention 50%
- The remaining 10% shall be set aside for potential grant usage if the need arises. If not used for grants prior to September 30, 2020, the amount becomes available to address any other of the City's response and prevention efforts.

City Council also approved CARES grants to non-profit organizations totaling \$909,832.73; and approved formulas to be used for calculating awards to "non-essential" and "essential" businesses for the March-May 2020 time period; and a "stratified schedule" to calculate awards for the June-December 2020 period. Full details are included in Council Resolutions 2020-46 and 2020-47.

**UNALASKA CARES FUNDING APPLICATIONS:** The City has released an updated application for local businesses to apply for financial support through the City's CARES grant program, **due by noon on July 24<sup>th</sup>.** Businesses that have already submitted a Pre-Application do <u>not</u> need to apply again. Applications are available online at <a href="https://arcg.is/1v19Cm">https://arcg.is/1v19Cm</a>. Paper applications are available in the vestibule at City Hall, 43 Raven Way.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Unalaska Planning Department at (907) 581-3100, or by email to <a href="mailto:caresgrant@ci.unalaska.ak.us">caresgrant@ci.unalaska.ak.us</a>.

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