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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	2,044
Cumulative positive persons tested locally	103*
Current active cases	2

The number of cumulative positive persons tested locally includes the 85 persons from the fishing vessel American Triumph and the 1 person employed on the State Ferry Tustumena, who all left the island shortly after testing.

NEW POSITIVE TEST, UNISEA EMPLOYEE: A new positive test for COVID-19 is reported today. The individual is an employee of UniSea and has been in quarantine since arriving in Unalaska on August 25 via chartered flight. In compliance with UniSea's COVID response plan, the individual was tested at the mid-point of their quarantine period. The individual is in isolation and is being followed by staff at the IFHS Clinic.

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT: Source <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	5,896	894	6,790
Recovered Cases	2,137	203	2,340
Active Cases	3,717	691	4,408
Cumulative Hospitalizations	239	6	245
Deaths	42	0	42
Unalaska (Aleutians West)	7	86	93*

**The total reported by State DHSS for Unalaska doesn't match the cumulative positive persons tested locally because some of those individuals may have previously tested positive before arriving in Unalaska, so were not counted as an additional positive person by the State; or because of other intricacies in how the State tracks cases.*

NEW LOCAL MANDATE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH: On September 8 the Unalaska City Council adopted a new local COVID-19 mandate, effective at noon today and expiring at noon on September 23, 2020. There were no substantive changes made from the prior order. Here is a short summary of the major elements of the local mandate:

- **Face Coverings** - Customers and visitors of businesses and organizations must wear a covering over their nose and mouth.
- **14 Day Traveler Self Quarantine** - Anyone traveling into the City by vessel or airplane must self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms, with limited exceptions. The rules for quarantine are set out in the mandate. The 14 Day Quarantine must be observed, whether or not the traveler has received a negative test for COVID-19.
- **Community and Workforce Protective Plans** - Business that are required to submit community and workforce protective plans to the State of Alaska must submit those plans to the City if their employees are traveling here.
- **Protective Protocols** - All business open to the public in Unalaska / Dutch Harbor must post their basic measures to protect the public health on the doors to the business.

PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (P-EBT) FOR CHILDREN: This program is additional money for to all Alaskan families with school age children who received free and reduced-price school meals, or attended a school where meals are free during March, April and May of 2020. Up to \$458 for each eligible child. P-EBT benefits are available to households regardless of immigrant status, and benefits will not count in a public charge test. If you are already receiving SNAP benefits, P-EBT benefits can be automatically loaded onto your SNAP card. If you don't receive SNAP benefits, but otherwise qualify for P-EBT will be required to opt in to SNAP. Application deadlines have been extended until September 30th but the Department of Public Assistance recommends that applications be submitted by September 15th to ensure timely processing of applications.

P-EBT online application: <https://www.foodbankofalaska.org/pebt/>

P-EBT opt in application: https://foodbankofalaska.formstack.com/forms/pebt_opt_in

RESOURCES:

- Drive-up COVID-19 testing available at the IFHS Clinic, call 581-1202 for an appointment
- Local social services support (food, supplies and more) call USAFV at 581-1500
- USAFV Toll-Free 24-Hour Crisis Line (907) 478-7238 or 581-1500
- USAFV Crisis Text Service 359-1500
- Unalaska Public Safety recorded information line (907) 581-6080
- Report COVID-19 Mandate Violations (907) 359-1323 or kwood@ci.unalaska.ak.us
- STATE OF ALASKA
 - Main COVID-19 website <https://covid19.alaska.gov/>
 - Health Mandates <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>
 - Information for travelers into the State <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>
 - DHSS <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>
 - DHSS data hub: <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website www.cdc.gov
- World Health Organization (WHO) <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

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