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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: HIGH

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

NEW CASES ----- 20

- Industry Related----- 19
- Household Members -----0
- Community Acquired -----1
- Household Acquired -----0

CURRENT ACTIVE CASES ----- 49

- Industry Related----- 45
- Travel Related -----0
- Community Acquired -----3
- Household Acquired -----1

Cumulative COVID Tests Performed Locally -----6477

Cumulative Positive Persons Tested Locally ----- 327

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT:

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	5,1951	1,719	53,670
Cumulative Hospitalizations	1,176	24	1,200
Deaths Statewide	259	2	261
State's Case Count for Unalaska	123	174	297

NEW COVID MANDATE: Last evening the Unalaska City Council adopted a new local mandate related to COVID-19, effective at noon today, and expiring at noon on February 10, 2021. The local mandate, Resolution 2021-05, contains no substantive changes from the prior mandate. The mandate is available on the City website at <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates>

Here is the summary of the current Measures to Protect Public Health:

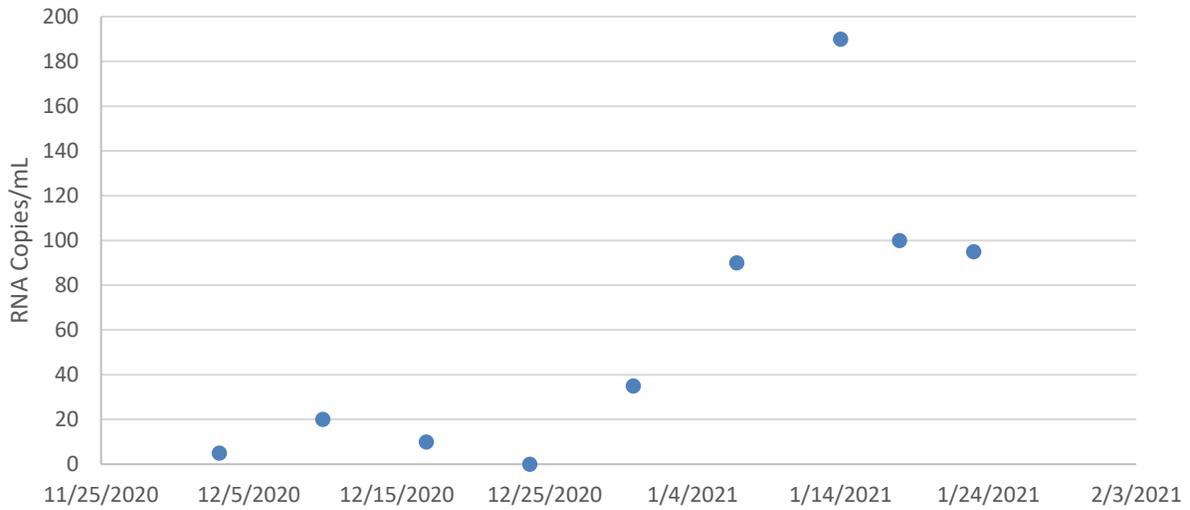
- **State Orders:** Everyone is to follow State of Alaska Health Outbreak Orders
- **Face Coverings:** Coverings over the nose and mouth are required of customers and visitors of businesses and organizations, as well as employees and volunteers serving customers.
- **Public Indoor Gathering Limitations:**
 - Gatherings are meetings or events that bring together people from multiple households
 - Limit to 10 people

- Face coverings required
- Maintain 6 foot social distancing between household groups
- EXCEPTIONS:
 - School District limited to 50% of classroom occupancy or 10 people per room, whichever is greater pursuant to their State Smart Start 2020 Plan
 - Bars and restaurants limited to 35% maximum occupancy or 10 people per room, whichever is greater; tables must be 6 feet apart, and no more than 5 people per table; sit down service only, no bar or rail service
 - Places of worship limited to 35% of maximum occupancy or 10 people per room, whichever is greater
- **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, or been released from care by a health care provider.
- **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.
- **Penalties:** Violation of local order is punishable as a misdemeanor under Unalaska Code of Ordinances § 2.96.090 and is a Public Nuisance, subject to the remedies in UCO § 11.08 including prosecution as a minor offense.

UPDATE ON WASTEWATER TESTING FOR COVID-19: Preliminary data from the Covid-19 Wastewater Surveillance Project shows a relatively good correlation between the number of clinical active cases and the SARS-CoV-2 Viral Load in 24-hour composite samples taken at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent. All wastewater samples except one were positive for SARS-CoV-2 in December and January. Additionally, samples from Lift Stations 2 and 4 were sampled on 1/24/21 and are currently being processed.

Please see charts on next page.

Viral RNA Signal in the WWTP Influent



Active Clinical Covid 19 Cases

