



# 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:** Case categories such as Industry Related and Travel Acquired, indicate where a person was most likely exposed to or acquired the virus. Today we report 11 new cases, all Industry Related and connected to previously known outbreaks or case clusters.

NEW CASES (Industry Related) ----- 11  
 CURRENT ACTIVE CASES----- 23  
     Industry Related-----22  
     Travel Related ----- 1  
 CUMULATIVE Positive Persons Tested Locally -----696  
 CUMULATIVE COVID Tests Performed Locally -----8,022

#### STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT:

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	56,605	2,425	59,030
Cumulative Hospitalizations	1,245	40	1,285
Deaths Statewide	299	4	303
State's Case Count for Unalaska	154	452	606

#### LOCAL COVID VACCINES ADMINISTERED:

COVID VACCINES	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	Fully Vaccinated
IFHS Clinic	542	255
APIA / Oonalaska Wellness	456	152
Total	998	407

**NEW COVID MANDATE:** Earlier today the Unalaska City Council adopted a new local mandate, Resolution 2021-13, available here <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates>, containing measures to protect the public health. The new mandate is effective at noon Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, and expires at noon on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Changes:

- Elimination of all public indoor gathering size limitations, including exceptions for schools, bars, restaurants and places of worship. To clarify, there are no longer any public indoor gathering limitations in Unalaska.
- Council added a clarification that the exemption from the local travel quarantine for those who have been fully vaccinated for at least 14 days lasts for a period of 3 months after receiving their final vaccine dose. This is in line with current CDC guidance.

### What hasn't changed in the local mandate:

- **Health Advisories:** Everyone is required to follow State of Alaska Health Advisories, available here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>
- **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. Businesses may refuse admittance and service to those who fail to comply. Face coverings may be temporarily removed as necessary and incidental to utilizing the business or service.
- **Traveler Self Quarantine:** Anyone traveling into the City by vessel or airplane must self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms for:
  - 10 days; or
  - 7 days with a negative PCR COVID-19 test result, taken no sooner than the 6<sup>th</sup> day of quarantine
- No quarantine required for travelers who
  - Tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered, with no new symptom development; or
  - Are fully vaccinated for at least 14 days prior to the date of travel; exemption good for three months after full vaccination
- Critical Business Purposes: Employees arriving in town must quarantine on arrival; may work during quarantine subject to the local mandate and their employer's protocols submitted to the City and the State; and must quarantine during non-work hours during the quarantine period. People traveling for critical business purposes are required to follow their approved plan according to State Health Advisory No. 4 and Section 5 of the local mandate.
- Travelers on Stopover in Unalaska: Travelers whose final destination is not Unalaska / Dutch Harbor must self-quarantine during their stopover, but not remain here for a quarantine period.
- Arriving on Vessels: Time at sea may count toward quarantine under specific conditions. See the full mandate for details.
- Alaska Residents Traveling on State Ferry for Critical Personal Needs: Travelers from other Alaskan communities, traveling to Unalaska on the Alaska Marine Highway System for critical personal needs, are exempt from certain portions of the Travel Quarantine, in that they may enter stores or businesses for critical personal needs. When not engaged in meeting critical personal needs, ferry travelers are required to follow self-quarantine requirements.
- **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.
- **Marine Tourism:** Marine tourism passengers and providers are required to adhere to resolutions, ordinances, orders of the City Manager, or any other local mandates relate to public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **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

**IFHS COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT:** Iliuliuk Family and Health Services, Inc. (IFHS) is conducting a community health needs assessment (CHNA) to better understand the health concerns and needs in our community. The information obtained will be used in the development of an action plan to help to improve the health of Unalaskans. If you are willing to share your perspective, please click on the link or QR code below. The survey is also available through the IFHS website ([www.ifhs.org](http://www.ifhs.org)) or our Facebook page. Thank you!! We are looking forward to a healthier 2021.

Survey link: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/22384cd4886b4be0b098cc6cd50940d3>

Survey QR code:



**CONTINUE PROTECTIVE MEASURES:** As we cautiously ease local restrictions, it is more important than ever to maintain personal COVID protective measures! Everyone is urged to do their part to reduce transmission of the virus in order to protect yourself, your family, and your community.

- Wash Your Hands Frequently
- Don't Touch Face with unwashed hands
- Clean & Disinfect Surfaces Daily
- Wear Face Covering in Public (required in businesses)
- Cover Coughs & Sneezes
- Keep 6 feet from Other People
- Keep Your Social Circle Small
- Avoid: large gatherings; being in enclosed spaces with others; long interactions with non-household members; being around forceful exhalations like yelling & singing
- Avoid Close Contact with Sick Persons
- Watch for Symptoms & Get Tested if you Develop Symptoms

