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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: MEDIUM Based on our Emergency Response Plan, the community remains at medium risk factor because Anchorage is still at Intermediate Risk.

UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

NEW CASES (all Industry Related)----- 3
CURRENT ACTIVE CASES (all Industry Related)----- 5
CUMULATIVE Positive Persons Tested Locally----- 781
CUMULATIVE COVID Tests Performed Locally ----- 8,773

STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT: Reporting 363 new cases statewide, 10 new hospitalizations and no deaths since the May 19 news release.

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	67,317	2,802	70,119
Cumulative Hospitalizations	1,557	48	1,605
Deaths Statewide	362	7	369
State's Case Count for Unalaska	175	515	690

COVID VACCINES ADMINISTERED LOCALLY: Count includes both residents and non-residents of Unalaska. The State vaccine dashboard for Aleutians West shows 62% of the population with their first dose and 42% of the population fully vaccinated.

COVID VACCINES	Fully Vaccinated
IFHS & E. Aleutian Tribes	3,124
APIA / Oonalaska Wellness	928
Total	4,052

UNALASKA'S NEW COVID HEALTH ORDER: Last night the Unalaska City Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2021-34 with Continuing Measures to Protect the Public Health. There are big changes in the new COVID mandate for Unalaska, effective at noon today. All rules and restrictions related to COVID-19 are now advisories, meaning that the protective measures are encouraged, not ordered, transferring the responsibility to each of us individually. Here's a summary:

- **State Health Advisories** - This section references and now encourages everyone in the City to follow the State's Health Advisories. This is no longer mandated locally.
- **Face Coverings** - Customers and visitors of businesses and organizations are now encouraged to wear a covering over their nose and mouth. Additionally, employees or volunteers of businesses and organizations are encouraged to wear a face covering when interacting with customers or visitors. This is no longer mandated locally.
- **Traveler Self Quarantine** - Individuals traveling into the City by vessel or airplane are encouraged self-quarantine. This is no longer mandated locally.

- **Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure Safety Plans** - Businesses that are recommended to submit plans to the State as a result of State Health Advisory 4, are encouraged to submit those to the City if they are operating in Unalaska. This is no longer mandated locally.
- **Protective Protocols** - All business open to the public are now encouraged post their basic measures to protect the public health on their doors. This is no longer mandated locally.

This order is effective at noon today through noon on June 9, 2021. The full document is available on the City of Unalaska website at: <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/local-mandates>

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: With the shift in COVID protective measures to advisories rather than mandates, everyone is encouraged to remain responsible in their personal protective practices. People continue to travel here from around the world; there are folks who choose not be vaccinated; there will be new variants of the virus; and people are still being infected with the virus and becoming ill, though thankfully the numbers are much reduced due to the vaccine.

TOP REASONS TO GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE:

- Shown to be extremely effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization and death
- Reduces transmission of the virus
- Provides protection while congregating with others & while traveling
- Increased vaccination rates means decreased cases of COVID-19

CITY FACILITIES OPEN! Starting tomorrow, May 27, 2021, we are pleased to report that all city facilities normally open to the public will again be open to the public for regular business hours! No appointment or reservation required. Face coverings and social distancing are encouraged.

LOCATION	HOURS	TELEPHONE
AQUATIC CENTER	<u>Monday-Friday</u> Adult Laps 5:30-7am; Noon to 1pm; & 5-6:30pm Family Swim 6:30-8:30pm <u>Saturday & Sunday</u> Family Swim 2-5pm Adult Lap & Sauna 5-6pm <u>Fitness Center</u> Open during all operating hours	581-1649
CITY HALL	Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm	Main # 581-1251 Administration 581-1252 City Clerk 581-1251 City Manager 581-1602 Finance 581-1251 Planning 581-3100
LANDFILL	Tuesday-Saturday 9am to 6pm	581-5757
LIBRARY	<u>Starting June 1st</u> Monday-Friday 10:00am to 9:00pm Saturday & Sunday 12:00 Noon to 6:00pm	581-5060
PCR COMMUNITY CENTER	Monday-Friday 6am to 10pm Saturday 8am-10pm; Sunday 12 Noon-7pm	581-1297
PORTS & HARBORS	Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm	581-1254 After Hours 359-1254
PUBLIC SAFETY & DMV	DMV Mon-Fri 9am-4pm Lobby Open 24 Hours a Day	DMV 581-2833 Public Safety 581-1233
PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES	Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm	581-1260