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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium

CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:

Patients tested in Unalaska	237
Negative Tests	234
Positive Tests	3

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: 8 new cases reported yesterday, statewide.

Confirmed cases in the State	513
Recovered cases	376
Cumulative hospitalizations	48
Deaths	10

POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS IN UNALASKA: Late yesterday we reported positive tests for two quarantined employees of Icycle Seafoods, the first positive cases identified in Unalaska. A third positive test was confirmed yesterday evening after the News Release was issued at 5:15 pm. All three individuals are asymptomatic, meaning they are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

A group of 38 Icycle processing employees arrived in Unalaska on private charters on May 27. They had tested negative for COVID-19 in Seattle earlier that day, prior to travel. The entire group was immediately put into quarantine in Icycle's housing in Unalaska, segregated from Icycle's other employees. The positive tests yesterday were conducted as part of Icycle's Community and Workforce Protective Plan, testing quarantined employees half-way through the 14-day quarantine period. The three individuals who tested positive have been isolated from the remaining group of quarantined employees, and the entire group has started another 14 day quarantine period. Additional Icycle employees that had direct contact with the quarantined group have also been tested and are following quarantine measures.

The State of Alaska Department of Health & Social Services has implemented contact-tracing protocols and will contact people who may have had interactions with the individuals.

IFHS Clinic personnel conducting tests at the clinic's drive-up testing facility were well protected, wearing full PPE (personal protective equipment).

The City will remain at Risk Level **Medium** under Unified Command's COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN. Under the plan, we will not move to High Risk unless there is confirmed community spread or widespread exposure of COVID-19 in Unalaska.

UPDATED STATE MANDATE 10, INTERSTATE & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: Yesterday, the State of Alaska updated Health Mandate 10, effective at noon on Saturday, June 6, 2020. The full mandate is available online <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/> or by email on request to the City Clerk. The mandate requires all people arriving in the State of Alaska from outside the state to self-quarantine for 14 days, unless the traveler falls under one of four categories:

A. Pre-travel SARS-CoV2 PCR test:

- i. The traveler produces a SARS-CoV2 PCR test result showing the traveler tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours before departure to Alaska;
OR
- ii. The traveler produces a SARS-CoV2 PCR test result showing the traveler tested negative for COVID-19 within five days before departure to Alaska and the traveler obtains a second SARS-CoV2 PCR test upon arrival in Alaska and minimizes interactions until the second test result is received and that test is also negative;
- iii. All pre-tested travelers will also receive a voucher for a second test that must occur within 7-14 days after arrival, and should minimize interactions until the result from the second test shows the traveler is negative for COVID-19.

B. SARS-CoV2 PCR test upon arrival:

- i. The traveler obtains a SARS-CoV2 PCR test upon arrival in Alaska that shows the traveler is negative for COVID-19. The traveler must self-quarantine, at their own expense, while waiting for the test results. The traveler will receive a voucher for a second test that must occur within 7-14 days after arrival and should minimize interactions until the result from the second test shows the traveler is negative for COVID-19.
- ii. If the SARS-CoV2 PCR test comes up positive, the traveler must isolate at their own expense, and will not be able to travel unless cleared by public health.

C. Alaska Residents returning from trips of five days or less: Alaska residents who travel out of state for a period of five days or less are not required to be tested before leaving (note: destination state or nation may have testing requirements) or prior to returning to the state. Upon returning to Alaska, residents must either:

- i. Self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival, with no requirement for testing; OR
- ii. Obtain a SARS-CoV2 PCR test upon arrival in Alaska that shows that the resident is negative for COVID-19. The resident must self-quarantine while waiting for the test results. The resident will obtain a voucher for a second test that must occur within 7-14 days after arrival, and should minimize interactions until the results from the second test shows the resident is negative for COVID-19.

D. Critical infrastructure employee travel:

- i. The employee is traveling as part of critical infrastructure workforce as outlined in the Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order (formerly Attachment A), and the employee follows his/her company's reviewed community protective plan on file with the State that includes testing and/or quarantine provisions. Critical infrastructure is vital to keeping Alaska safe, and, as a result, businesses and employees of critical infrastructure industries must take special care to protect their staff and operations during this pandemic.

If your business is included in the Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order (formerly Attachment A), and your workers must travel to enter Alaska, you must submit a plan or protocol for maintaining critical infrastructure to the akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com. This plan must outline how you will avoid the spread of COVID-19 and not endanger the lives of the communities in which you operate, of others who serve as a part of that infrastructure, or the ability of that critical infrastructure to function. Companies that have previously submitted plans do not need to submit another; they can proceed under their current plans that have been reviewed by the State.

- ii. The traveler falls under Health Mandate 017 – Protective Measures for Independent Commercial Vessels or Health Mandate 010 Appendix 01 – Enhanced Protective Measures for Seafood Processing Workers.

Protocol: Prior to arrival in any community in Alaska from another state or nation, you must:

1. Read the available information about safely traveling to Alaska.
2. Complete the State of Alaska Travel Declaration Form online and submit. Please print a copy or have electronic proof with you at your port of entry. If you are unable to complete the form online, paper copies will be available to complete at your port of entry.
3. If receiving a SARS-CoV2 PCR test upon arrival, register with the appropriate testing site.

LOCAL QUARANTINE ORDER: The local quarantine order is in effect until June 10. On June 9 council will consider whether to continue the quarantine order. The local order requires 14 days of self-quarantine and symptom monitoring for anyone traveling into the City of Unalaska, whether by air or sea.

- Critical workforce employees must quarantine immediately upon arrival unless their employer has filed the required protective plan; employees must comply with their employer’s plan
- Critical workforce employees are required to quarantine during non-work hours for the first 14 days
- Travelers (including ferry passengers) whose final destination is not Unalaska/Dutch Harbor are required to quarantine during their stopover in Unalaska/Dutch Harbor; and not required to stay here for 14 days
- Alaska Marine Highway System “day travelers” are exempt from quarantine during their stopover in Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, but must wear a face covering while visiting local businesses and adhere to six-foot social distancing guidelines
- Rules for quarantine:
 - Leave quarantine location only for medical care
 - Do not visit any public places such as stores, restaurants, bars, recreational facilities
 - Do not allow visitors in designated quarantine location other than health care providers
 - If other people live in your quarantine location, comply with six foot social distancing; sanitize regularly touched surfaces; follow CDC best practices for hand washing

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