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NEWS RELEASE

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Coronavirus COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: **Medium**

CITY OF UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: The local clinic has tested just one patient for coronavirus, total, which was negative. The second patient did not end up getting tested as reported yesterday, but rather is on a 14 day self-quarantine.

STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT: There are currently six confirmed cases in Alaska. All are travel-associated cases of COVID-19, not community-acquired infections. There are two cases in Anchorage, three cases in the "Interior" (Fairbanks) and one case in "Southeast" (Ketchikan).

Total Confirmed Cases in State of Alaska since 01/01/2020	6
Total Negative Tests since 01/01/2020	406

LOCAL CLINIC: The IFHS Clinic has implemented a new policy to help with the community's social distancing. The goal is for as few patients as possible to visit the clinic in person. ALL PATIENTS ARE TO CALL THE CLINIC AT 581-1202 BEFORE COMING IN. A health care provider will talk with you to determine the best way to meet your needs, whether it is through an in-person visit or through a telephone-based visit.

BARS AND RESTAURANTS: By order of Governor Dunleavy, all bars, restaurants and similar establishments are closed to public dine-in service starting today March 18 at 5pm through 5pm April 1. Take-out and delivery are encouraged. The Governor's mandate with further information is attached.

UNALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICT: The local school district is making plans to provide distance learning for students while schools are closed. Parents can expect to receive telephone calls starting this week to gather information related to the distance learning programs.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS: Meetings of the City Council will be held telephonically during this emergency. The public is invited to attend via telephone by dialing (888) 251-2909 and entering access code 5646150. Council packets are available on the city's website, by email with a request to the City Clerk and hard copies will be placed in the lobby at City Hall. The public can also listen in at City Hall, but will be asked to comply with six-foot social distancing.

TRAVEL ADVISORY: Governor Dunleavy issued a health mandate related to persons returning to Alaska from travel, with specific mandates and recommendations based on the location of travel. This mandate is attached.

CITY FACILITY CLOSURES:

Unalaska City Schools

Community Center (PCR)

Unalaska Public Library

Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

Aquatic Center



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****COVID-19 HEALTH MANDATE****

Issued: March 17, 2020

By: Governor Mike Dunleavy
Commissioner Adam Crum, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

To prevent or slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing its third health mandate.

The Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020 provides for health mandates to be issued when deemed necessary by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, the Alaska Chief Medical Officer, the Alaska Division of Public Health, and the Office of the Governor.

Mandate 3.1

By order of the Governor, beginning March 18 at 5 p.m., and continuing until April 1 at 5 p.m., the following mandates are in effect:

With the goal of minimizing in-person interaction in enclosed spaces, effective March 18 at 5 p.m. all bars, breweries, restaurants, food and beverage kiosks or trucks, and other establishments serving food or beverages within the State of Alaska shall be closed to the public dine-in service. All buffets and salad bars are closed to self-service. A copy of this order, or a sign communicating the closure information, shall be prominently posted by the person having control of the establishment.

Places of public accommodation are encouraged to offer food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service, and to use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing.

In offering food or beverage, a place of public accommodation subject to this section may permit up to five members of the public at one time in the place of public accommodation for the purpose of picking up their food or beverage orders, so long as those individuals are at least 6 feet apart from one another while on premises.

All entertainment facilities shall be closed to the public, including theaters, gyms and fitness centers, bowling alleys and bingo halls.

The restrictions do not apply to any of the following:

- Places of public accommodation that offer food and beverage not for on premises consumption, including grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries, with the exception of their self-service buffets and salad bars.
- Health care facilities, pharmacies, child care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities.
- Crisis shelters, soup kitchens, or similar institutions.
- Employee cafeterias within a business, with the exception of their self-service buffets and salad bars.
- Restaurants and food courts inside the secured zones of airports.

These measures are being implemented to protect all Alaskans and we appreciate the public and business community's understanding of these mandates in an effort to mitigate the impacts of this virus.



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Higher Risk: If you have traveled from an area with *widespread, ongoing community spread* such as Europe, China, and other countries (i.e., a [CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice Area](#)) and are entering Alaska within the past 14 days **you must:**

- Stay home and avoid contact with other household members.
- Contact your employer and **do not go to work or school** for this 14-day period after you return.
- [CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice Area](#)
China, Iran, South Korea, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City.

Medium Risk: If you have traveled anywhere outside of Alaska, (including the rest of the United States) within the past 14 days you must:

- Keep your distance from others (about six feet or two meters)
- This may mean not going to work or school if you cannot safely be distanced from others – especially if you traveled in a location where community transmission is occurring – **contact your employer.**
- **You must** avoid crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theaters) and limit your activities in public.

Health Guidance for Returning Travelers in the Higher and Medium Risk Groups

1. Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever. Also watch for cough or trouble breathing.
2. If you get sick with fever (>100.3°F), cough, or shortness of breath, please call your health care provider.
3. Do not take mass transportation during the time you are practicing social distancing.
4. Avoid crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theaters) and limit your activities in public.
5. Keep your distance from others (about 6 feet or 2 meters).
6. If you seek medical care for other reasons, such as dialysis, call ahead to your doctor and tell them about your recent travel.

All Alaskans should follow previous guidance including regular hand washing, cleaning surfaces and avoiding large gatherings ([March 13 COVID-19 Health Alert: Recommendations for Keeping Communities Safe](#)).

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit coronavirus.alaska.gov

State of Alaska COVID-19 Mandate 004

Printable version of this mandate is available at:

<https://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/03172020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-004.pdf>