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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Coronavirus COVID-19**

**LOCAL RISK FACTOR: HIGH**

**ADDITIONAL POSITIVE CASES; RAISE IN LOCAL RISK FACTOR:** Contact tracing for the community acquired cases reported yesterday has so far revealed three additional persons who tested positive for COVID-19. These cases do not have a known origin of infection and the involved individuals have no recent travel history. Clinic personnel are in the process of identifying the close contacts of the three new cases and offering testing.

Because this outbreak can no longer be considered isolated and there is potential widespread exposure in the community, Unalaska Unified Command today raised the community's Local Risk Factor to **HIGH** pursuant to the Emergency Response Plan. The Emergency Response Plan is available on the City of Unalaska website: <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/citymanager/page/covid-19-emergency-response-plan>

Once there has been two weeks of no additional community spread cases in Unalaska, consideration may be given to step down to Medium Risk.

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** The Unalaska City Council will hold a special meeting tomorrow, Friday, January 8, 2020 at noon (12pm) to consider additional community-wide protective measures. In addition to the protective measures already in place, the City Manager plans to recommend a community hunker-down order; a limit to public gathering sizes; and a temporary closure to in-person services at bars and restaurants.

## **PLEASE HELP CONTAIN THIS OUTBREAK!**

- 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