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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Friday, February 12, 2021, 3:00 pm, News Release no. 195**

**Coronavirus COVID-19**

**LOCAL RISK FACTOR: HIGH**

**LOCAL RISK FACTOR & CITY COUNCIL ACTION:** Unalaska Unified Command raised the Local Risk Factor for COVID-19 back to "High" today because of new Community Acquired cases who had multiple close contacts in the community before receiving positive test for COVID-19. This information was reported to the Unalaska City Council last night at the beginning of a Special Meeting, which had called to consider reducing restrictions under the local COVID mandate. The City Council chose not to reduce restrictions based on the report of additional community cases of COVID-19. The local mandate adopted by Council at their February 9 meeting is in effect through noon on February 24, 2021.

**UNALASKA COVID-19 CASE COUNT:**

NEW CASES ----- 81  
 Industry Related ----- 79 (Across multiple shore-based processors and vessels in port)  
 Community Acquired ----- 2

CURRENT ACTIVE CASES ----- 117  
 Industry Related ----- 114  
 Travel Related ----- 0  
 Community Acquired ----- 3  
 Household Acquired ----- 0

CUMULATIVE COVID Tests Performed Locally ----- 7,378  
 CUMULATIVE Positive Persons Tested Locally ----- 518

**STATE OF ALASKA CASE COUNT:** Today we report 313 new cases, 6 new hospitalizations and 2 new deaths since the News Release issued on Wednesday.

STATEWIDE STATISTICS	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Cumulative Cases	54,282	2,128	56,410
Cumulative Hospitalizations	1,196	34	1,230
Deaths Statewide	280	2	282
State's Case Count for Unalaska	151	234	385

**RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE:** If you are struggling with rent and utility payments, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation may be able to help. Alaska Housing Rent Relief provides up to 12 months of rent and/or utility relief to eligible Alaskans who are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Even if you've received rent relief from AHFC in the past, you can apply to this new program. The application period will open on February 16, 2021. Visit their website to check your eligibility and to apply: <https://www.alaskahousingrelief.org/>

**ALASKA DHSS “PAY IT FORWARD FEBRUARY”:**

During the month of February, with special awareness from Feb. 12-19, 2021, Alaska DHSS has issued a call to action to all Alaskans to “Pay it Forward” by showing kindness! Alaskans know it’s easier to make it through the winter when they help each other. That’s especially true when so many are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This month, the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services is encouraging Alaskans to Pay It



Forward to friends, loved ones, neighbors or simply the next person in line. Big or small, reaching out to an individual or participating in a communitywide effort, Alaskans can contribute to a kinder Alaska. Organizations, businesses and individuals throughout the state are encouraged to Pay It Forward in a way that makes sense for them. This could be as easy as thanking someone, shoveling a neighbor’s driveway, buying coffee for a stranger, donating food to a local food bank, shopping at local businesses, or supporting organizations that help others in your community. Participants can also challenge others to participate in their own way. Further information is available on the DHSS Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3714087715349100>

**Due to the Presidents Day holiday on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>,  
the next scheduled News Release will be Wednesday February 17, 2021**