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THIRD WRANGELL POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE CONFIRMED

WRANGELL, June 12, 2020 – On Friday, June 12, the Wrangell Unified Command was notified by the State of Alaska of a third confirmed COVID-19 case in the community. The male patient is asymptomatic and currently isolated at home. The patient is a contact of the first positive case in Wrangell. Public Health Officials will continue investigating the case and conduct contact tracing. Persons who may have come in close contact with the individual will be notified and given instructions required by a Public Health representative.

The first COVID-19 positive case is considered by Public Health to be recovered.

“We are encouraged that months of preparations by the Emergency Operations Center have led to prompt responses to identify and isolate confirmed cases,” said City and Borough of Wrangell (CBW) Manager Lisa Von Barga. “As cases accumulate in our community, the need to social distance is amplified. Continued adherence to health mandates will help us limit community spread of the virus.”

COVID-19 testing is available in Wrangell to all patients who meet current symptomatic criteria, regardless of travel or exposure history. WMC and the AICS Clinic have established alternate screening areas for safe COVID-19 testing. Please call your provider to schedule an appointment.

Patients with chronic illnesses, or considered high-risk, should contact their provider immediately if they show symptoms. Low-risk patients are urged to self-isolate should they become sick.

Continued adherence to virus preventive practices is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, including frequent hand washing for the recommended 20 seconds; covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue; wearing masks when six-foot separation cannot be maintained; cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects; and getting an influenza vaccination.

Visit covid19.alaska.gov, wrangellcovid19.org, and covid19.searhc.org for the latest coronavirus information, or to find the provider nearest you. The regional Public Health Nurse can be contacted at 907.772.4611.

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