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NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 3:30 pm

New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

On Wednesday, February 17, 2021, Wrangell's Unified Command was notified of 2 (two) new confirmed COVID-19 cases. The individuals had recently traveled outside of Alaska, are residents of Wrangell and were traveling together. Both tested positive during required travel related testing. Both individuals have been in quarantine since arriving in Wrangell, have only had contact with each other, and are both asymptomatic.

Here are key steps all Alaskans should be taking right now:

- Keep close interactions to a very small group of people, ideally just within your household.
- Stay 6 feet away from others outside your household at all times.
- Mask up in public places.
- Avoid gatherings. Find creative ways to be social that keep people six feet apart. Go virtual, and remember, being outdoors around others is safer than being indoors.
- Wash hands often. Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay home if you feel sick.
- Get tested for COVID-19 even if you have one symptom, or mild symptoms.
- Keep track of your contacts and contact them immediately if you test positive for COVID-19.
- Answer the call if a public health contact tracer calls you and follow their guidelines.

Individuals who have tested positive are being asked to notify their close contacts. These close contacts may also be notified by Public Health. Please exercise personal responsibility related to COVID-19. If you are contacted by a positive individual and informed you are a close contact, or if you believe yourself to be a close contact, quarantine for 10 days, monitor for symptoms and seek testing between days 5-7 of quarantine.

If you are experiencing symptoms, please call the SEARHC COVID-19 Hotline at 907.966.8799 or your local healthcare provider.

If you have additional questions contact the Wrangell COVID Hotline at 907.874.2684 or visit covid19.alaska.gov or covid19.searhc.org for the latest coronavirus information.

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WRANGELL COVID-19 CASE INFORMATION AT A GLANCE					
Total Cases	Local	Non-Local	Resident Not in Town	Active	Recovered
31	21	8	2	2	29