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NEWS RELEASE

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New Confirmed COVID-19 Case

There has been one new positive case of COVID-19 identified today. This individual had close contact to at least one of the most recent positive COVID-19 cases in Wrangell. This individual is a local resident, has been notified and is in isolation. Public Health will be reaching out to do the initial interview with the individual and will then do the contact interviews with identified close contacts. We currently have six (6) active cases within the community.

Health officials have found evidence of community transmission of COVID-19 in Wrangell. Community transmission happens when there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 and there is no source of infection identified in some of the cases and cannot be directly traced back to a known exposure. Due to the identification of community transmission, and to reduce the spread of COVID-19, health officials and the local EOC are reinforcing the importance of practicing social distancing, wearing a mask or face covering when in public spaces, frequent hand washing and staying home when sick.

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 will 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	Residency Unknown	Active	Recovered
43	29	8	2	4	6	37