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NEWS RELEASE

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New Confirmed COVID-19 Case

There was one new positive case of COVID-19 identified today. This individual is a local resident and is a close contact to recent positive COVID-19 cases. The individual has been notified and is in isolation.

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
47	33	8	2	4	8	39