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City of Dillingham Press Release: Second Positive Case of COVID-19 confirmed in Dillingham; the City of Dillingham is working with Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and State of Alaska Public Health to prevent the spread of COVID-19

May 30, 2020 - A positive case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Dillingham today in an out-of-state individual who had recently arrived in Dillingham as an essential worker in support of the fishing industry. The individual and his co-worker have entered isolation at the direction of the City of Dillingham and State Public Health.

The individual was tested at the end of their 14-day quarantine period, and isolated within 30 minutes of notice by the State Lab. According to witnesses, the individual was wearing a mask while performing their duties.

This is Dillingham's second positive case of COVID-19. "I'm really proud of what we have done as a community, twice now," said Alice Ruby, Mayor of Dillingham, "in getting people identified and separated from the community very quickly. We feel strongly that mandatory quarantine, testing and paying attention to the hygiene requirements such as masks, hand washing and social distancing are keys to protecting the safety of our residents and visitors."

The City of Dillingham is working with the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation (BBAHC), and State of Alaska Epidemiology on contact tracing. The City of Dillingham would like to thank them, Capstone and the individual, for their rapid response to this issue.

Free testing is available to the community through a partnership between Public Health Nursing, BBAHC, the City of Dillingham, and Capstone Clinic. If you don't have symptoms but still want to get tested, walk-in testing is available in the Dillingham Boat Harbor. 6:30 am to 6:30 pm daily. Individuals that feel that they are symptomatic may contact Kakanak hospital for information and testing. Call your healthcare provider or the question line at the hospital, (907) 842-9440, to ask about testing if you are experiencing any symptoms. That number, provided by BBAHC, is also available to support anyone who has questions or concerns.

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