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City of Dillingham Press Release: Positive cases of COVID-19 confirmed in 12 seafood workers in Dillingham; City of Dillingham working with seafood company, BBAHC, and State of Alaska Public Health to prevent the spread of COVID-19

June 22, 2020 – Twelve cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today in seafood workers tested as part of their employer's quarantine and testing protocol. The individuals have been moved into separate isolation facilities within the company's closed campus and additional sanitation protocols have been initiated.

The seafood company tests all incoming employees before travel to Dillingham, and then twice during their quarantine period. These employees were tested on day six of their Dillingham quarantine, the second of three planned tests.

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

“While we are always concerned to hear about positive cases of COVID-19 in Dillingham, the protection plans in place caught these cases during quarantine and are helping to prevent community spread,” said Alice Ruby, Mayor of Dillingham. “We encourage everyone to continue to be cautious and follow state and local protective measures including Dillingham's quarantine and testing requirements.”

You can find more information on the City's requirements at Dillinghamak.us. You can find more on State of Alaska Health Mandates at Covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/.

Free testing is available to the community through a partnership between Public Health Nursing, BBAHC, the City of Dillingham, and Capstone Clinic. If you are experiencing any symptoms, call your healthcare provider or the question line at the hospital, (907) 842-9440. The helpline is also available to support anyone in Dillingham who has questions or concerns. If you don't have symptoms but still want to get tested, walk-in testing is available in the Dillingham Boat Harbor.

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