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Press Release 21-011: COVID-19 Case Update and Testing/Vaccination Clinics Scheduled

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On Monday, June 7, 2021 the Craig Emergency Operations Center was notified of a total of two new cases on Prince of Wales Island, including one new case in Craig. The other case is on Prince of Wales in a community of less than 1,000 persons. This brings the current total active cases to 17. The new Craig case has been attributed to secondary spread from a known positive case. This individual has been in quarantine and presents a low risk. The other case on POW is still under investigation.

In addition to the new cases, Public Health reported the first COVID19 related death on Prince of Wales on Sunday, June 6th. The death was a POW resident living in a community of less than 1,000 persons.

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, working with their contractor, Capstone, will be conducting drive up testing and vaccination sites in Klawock, Hydaburg, Craig, and Thorne Bay June 10th – June 13th. Testing and vaccinations are free. The Klawock clinic will be held at Alicia Roberts Medical Center in Klawock on Thursday, June 10th from noon to 8 pm. The Hydaburg clinic will be held at the Hydaburg school on Friday, June 11th from noon to 8 pm. The Craig clinic will be held at the Craig High School on Saturday, June 12th from noon to 8 pm. The Thorne Bay clinic will be held at the Thorne Bay school on Sunday, June 13th from 10 am to 5 pm. Pfizer vaccine will be available at all clinics for all persons aged 12 and up.

Please continue to observe good mitigation measures. Wear face coverings in public settings, maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or more from non-household members, wash your hands, keep social bubbles small, seek testing even with mild symptoms and get vaccinated for those 16 years of age and older

Vaccinations will slow the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the chances of variants of the virus developing. In addition, if you have been fully vaccinated (both doses of Moderna/Pfizer or a single dose of J&J vaccine plus two weeks) you do not have to quarantine if you are identified as a contact of a positive case.

You can contact SEARHC at 755-4800 or PeaceHealth Prince of Wales at 826-3257 if you are symptomatic, need testing for travel (or other testing needs), or want to sign up to be vaccinated. Vaccinations are currently open to everyone 12 years old and older.

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