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Information

For Immediate Release

Craig City staff was notified by Alaska Public Health on Friday April 10th that the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed. On Monday, April 13th Public Health notified the city that a second case in Craig had been confirmed.

Both confirmed cases on Prince of Wales are in Craig. Public Health and the Division of Epidemiology are continuing to conduct case investigations to identify contacts and determine the method of transmission.

Public Health has confirmed that the two cases are not related. The method of transmission in the second confirmed case was travel related. The method of transmission in the first case has not been determined. Case transmission is classified as travel related, local, or unknown by the state's Section of Epidemiology. Public Health will work to determine the method of transmission in the first case as they continue their case investigation.

Based on information posted at the Alaska Division of Health and Social Services COVID-19 website the first case is a female aged 70 – 79. The second case is a male aged 20 – 29.

We are continuing to strongly advise residents to strictly follow all health mandates and advisories to reduce the risk of spreading the virus in Craig. These measures include:

- Do not socialize with persons outside of your household
- Maintain good social distancing at all times keeping at least six feet between persons
- Keep all trips for essential services to a minimum to avoid contact and wear a face mask/covering when you do need to make essential service trips
- Stay home as much as possible
- Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face as much as possible
- If you have symptoms or have a temperature of 100.4° F or higher contact your primary healthcare provider and self isolate immediately

In order to help local residents prevent the spread of the virus in town the city has started a program asking residents and businesses to donate mask making materials

(tightly woven cotton fabric, elastic, string for ties, thread, etc.) and volunteers with sewing skills to sew the masks. When they are finished the masks will be washed and sanitized, individually packaged, and made available for the public to pick up. We will be putting totes near the entrance of AC Thompson House for drop off of materials and drop off of finished masks. We will also set up a table with masks for distribution as masks are finished, washed and packaged. If you would like more information about this program or would like to volunteer to make masks call Victoria Merritt at 826-2575 or Craig City Hall at 826-3275.

The City of Craig Emergency Operations Center will continue to work with DHSS Public Health and will provide updated information as it is available.

The City of Craig will continue to monitor COVID-19 reports and information and provide links and up to date information about the City of Craig response at the city's website. For information go to www.craigak.com or www.craigak.com/covid.

Contact information for City of Craig departments and services.

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Craig City Hall	826-3275	info@craigak.com
Craig EMS	826-4857	ems@craigak.com
Craig Harbormaster	826-3404	harbors@craigak.com
Craig Police	826-3330	re44@craigpd.com
Craig Public Facilities	826-3408	facilities@craigak.com
Craig Public Library	826-3281	library@craigak.com
Craig Public Works	826-3405	publicworks@craigak.com
Craig Recreation Department	826-2575	craigrec@aptalaska.net

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