POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES IN SKAGWAY- NO COMMUNITY SPREAD

Skagway, Alaska, February 10, 2021 – The three positive cases of COVID-19 identified in Skagway earlier today are not believed to be associated with community spread based on the initial investigation by The State of Alaska. Of the three cases one is a Skagway resident and two are individuals temporarily working in Skagway, and not residents. The cases are associated with travel to Skagway, and they have had limited contact in the community.

Because the new cases are not associated with community spread, there is NO SHELTER in place ordered and the following previously established protocols will be followed:

PROTOCOL FOR COVID-19 CASES WITH NO KNOWN CONTACT IN SKAGWAY

1. Notify the community that we have a case of COVID-19 in Skagway.
2. Message to include that the case is a resident with no known community contact OR that the case is associated with travel to Skagway and that the individual did not have community contact.
3. This would assume that we know with a high certainty that the individual has been sheltering in place OR arrived in Skagway with limited contact and quarantined until they received their testing results.

The EOC and Public Health recommend individuals continue to follow strict social distancing, wear cloth masks, and keep social bubbles small starting with immediate family or household and 1-2 close friends.