FIRST CASE OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN SKAGWAY

Skagway, Alaska, October 15, 2020 – The Dahl Memorial Clinic (DMC) has identified Skagway’s first positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Skagway Emergency Operations Center (EOC) advises Skagway residents to shelter in place until contact tracing is complete. Shelter in place consists of limiting activity, travel, and business functions to only the most basic and essential needs.

The Municipality will notify the public once contact tracing is complete and all individuals are notified. This is something we have been preparing for since February. Our goal going forward is to minimize risk to the population at large and clinic staff by doing everything in our power to control the spread of COVID-19.

The presumptive positive test result was reported to the State Office of Epidemiology. The State Department of Public Health is working with clinic providers on contact tracing, to identify people who have had close contact with the individual. Those who have been exposed and are considered at risk will undergo a 2-test protocol or self-quarantine for 14 days per DHSS guidance. The typical incubation period (time from infection to symptom onset) for COVID-19 is 2-14 days.