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UPDATE ON POSITIVE COVID CASES IN SKAGWAY

Skagway, Alaska, October 16, 2020 – This release provides follow-up information to the press releases issued on October 15, and October 16, 2020.

Testing of medical personnel and close contacts of the positive patients is being conducted by the Dahl Memorial Clinic. Public Health will advise all close contacts of recommended next steps and isolation protocols.

Both positive COVID cases are considered to be community transmission cases. Public Health considers a close contact to be someone who spent more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of a COVID positive person, with or without masks. If Public Health does not contact you within the next 48 hours you were likely not considered a close contact.

Please note that the Dahl Memorial Clinic is currently closed to regular patient care. The clinic will notify the public when it is open for regularly scheduled appointments. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 after hours or before the clinic is due to reopen, please call the on-call provider at 983-2025 or 911.