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UPDATE ON POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES IN SKAGWAY

Skagway, Alaska, October 17, 2020 – 1:00 PM – As of 12:00 PM, the Dahl Memorial Clinic (DMC) has tested individuals and has identified a total of **three positive cases** of coronavirus (COVID -19). DMC has completed 780 tests with 777 negative as of noon today.

The DMC is testing multiple community members today who had close contact with a known COVID-19 positive individual. **The Skagway Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will provide updated testing information again at 5:00 P.M. today, October 17, 2020.** This is protocol to allow for family members to be notified prior to press releases from the EOC. Total testing numbers for the day will be updated at www.skagway.org/covid19 when the numbers are finalized.

Contact tracing for the first two positive patients has been completed and is ongoing for the 3rd patient.

Please continue to shelter in place. This is the best way to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the community at this time.

Positive test results are reported to the State Office of Epidemiology as they occur. The State Department of Public Health is working with the clinic on contact tracing, to identify people who have had close contact with positive cases. Those who have been exposed and are considered at risk will undergo 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.