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NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: High

POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE: Today the Saint Paul Island Unified Command was informed that an individual who recently traveled to Saint Paul Island has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual tested negative for COVID-19 prior to traveling to the island. The individual will complete a 10-day isolation on the island.

ACTIONS TO TAKE to ensure the safety of the community:

- Unvaccinated individuals that were in close contact with the individual that tested positive for COVID-19 shall quarantine and monitor for symptoms.
- Vaccinated individuals that were in close contact with the individual that tested positive for COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they have no symptoms.
- Vaccinated individuals that were in close contact with the individual that tested positive for COVID-19 shall quarantine if they have symptoms.
- Testing is recommended for all individuals regardless of vaccination status that that were in close contact with the individual that tested positive for COVID-19.

CLOSE CONTACT: means being within six feet of a known, or suspected, COVID-19 positive case for 15 minutes or greater or having had direct contact with the infectious secretions of a positive COVID-19 case. This determination is irrespective of whether or not either person was wearing a face covering. Public Health officials will make a determination in the event that either person was wearing respiratory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The 15-minute time period does not have to be continuous; it may be cumulative over a 24-hour period.

TESTING: Testing for any community members that feel like they have been exposed will begin as available. Please call the Health Center at 546-8300 or Public Safety at 546-3130 to schedule an appointment for a test.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES: All entities will be assessing and updating protocol to address essential business services and will notify the community and staff as appropriate. We ask that you remain flexible as we work through this pandemic together.

EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING: The Saint Paul City Council will **meet** tomorrow to review Emergency Ordinance 21-100, a Proclamation of Emergency, “Hunker Down” order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout Saint Paul Island.