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NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: COVID-19

LOCAL RISK FACTOR: Medium High

POSITIVE COIVD-19 CASE: Today the Saint Paul Island Unified Command was informed that one resident tested positive for COVID-19. The test was performed at the health center due to the individual exhibiting symptoms. The individual will isolate until their symptoms resolve. There were several "close contacts" that have been identified. The individual residing with the positive individual will quarantine for 5 days unless they develop symptoms at which time they will test for COVID-19. Individuals that flew in on the plane with the positive individuals if asymptomatic will monitor for symptoms and take a post travel test at day 7 or 10 depending on their vaccination status. If any of the individuals that flew in on the plane with the positive individual are symptomatic, they shall schedule to be tested at the health center.

ACTIONS TO TAKE to ensure the safety of the community:
- The positive individual will isolate in their home until their symptoms resolve.
- The close contact of the positive individual will quarantine in their home for 5 days.

"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.

GET TESTED IF YOU ARE SICK: If are feeling ill or sick no matter how minor the symptoms get tested for COVID-19. Contact the Saint Paul Health Center during normal business hours to arrange to get tested. Additionally, if you are feeling sick stay home from school or work.

GET VACCIANTED AND BOOSTED: To protect yourself and others against COIVD-19 get vaccinated and boosted.