



COVID-19 Situational Report

Customers, partners, and employees: YKHC is publishing a weekly situational report to provide an update on our COVID-19 response and planning. This serves as the first weekly report.

Testing Update

As of 10 a.m. April 3, YKHC has tested 59 individuals — 33 tests are negative, none are positive and 25 are pending. One specimen was rejected by a private lab.

- Drive-through testing began in Bethel on March 25 in the parking lot of the old hospital, near the Emergency Department.
- YKHC has collected specimens for testing in 6 villages. Widespread village-based testing is still a top priority for YKHC; we address this on our website: www.ykhc.org/update-on-village-based-covid-19-testing/

Situation Report

- YKHC was notified on April 2 that Ravn Air has suspended village flight service. Governor Dunleavy indicated he is working on a solution to address the gaps in services Ravn's suspension creates. YKHC is awaiting the plan from the Governor's office and doing all we can to ensure our customers and staff are not without access to needed transportation services.
- Surge planning: we have expanded our inpatient bed capacity from 26 to 45. Additionally, we have added eight higher-acuity beds that will be available for critical patients that need more staff attention.
- YKHC suspended all out-of-region business travel on March 24.
- YKHC has drastically limited visitors to the hospital in Bethel and temporarily stopped all visitors to the Prematernal Home and the Elder's Home. Our full COVID-19 visitor policy is available at www.ykhc.org/covid-19-visitors/.
- The State of Alaska placed all non-emergent Medicaid travel on hold through mid-June. Only patients with a letter of medical necessity will be able to travel via Medicaid until June.
- YKHC Behavioral Health has set up a stress and anxiety support line. It is (907) 543-6272. The line is staffed by behavioral health professionals Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Staff are able to supply information, resources, brief telephone counseling, referrals and provide someone to talk to and listen to your concerns.

Resources

- YKHC COVID-19 page: www.ykhc.org/covid-19
- State of Alaska COVID-19 page: coronavirus.alaska.gov
- CDC COVID-19 page: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/

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YKHC Incident Command Center, (907) 543-6275. Currently staffed Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.