



# COVID-19 Situational Report

**Customers, partners, and employees:** YKHC is here for you and your family. YKHC is making decisions related to COVID-19 based on guidance from the CDC, the State of Alaska and other experts. We are erring on the side of caution and in the best interests of our employees, customers and communities.

YKHC is publishing a situational report to provide an update on our COVID-19 response and planning. Here is this week's report.

## Testing Update

As of 10 a.m. April 10, YKHC has tested 189 individuals — 136 tests are negative, 50 are pending and one is positive. Two specimens were rejected by a private lab. The positive case reported here is the same positive reported April 6.

- ANTHC provided YKHC with four Abbott ID NOW rapid testing machines. These machines provide COVID-19 results within the same day. **YKHC's testing supplies for these machines are extremely limited.** These machines are being used in clinically-imperative situations.
- YKHC's testing criteria continues to expand. Among others, we are able to test symptomatic individuals with or without travel histories. Our full testing criteria is available on our website at: [www.ykhc.org/covid-19-testing/](http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19-testing/)

## Situation Report

- YKHC rolled out a universal-masking protocol this week. This requires all employees to wear face coverings in the workplace.
  - Employees should reference guidance sent to all staff on what face coverings to wear at work. YKHC has some masks available for employees and patients. **Unfortunately, due to global shortages of PPE, YKHC does not have masks available for the general public.**
  - The CDC has guidelines for various homemade masks, including no-sew methods available at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).
- YKHC is offering telehealth appointments for nearly all outpatient medical visits. Visit [www.ykhc.org/telehealth](http://www.ykhc.org/telehealth) or call YKHC Scheduling at (907) 543-6442 for more information.
- YKHC Behavioral Health has set up a stress and anxiety support line, (907) 543-6272. The line is staffed by Behavioral health professionals Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Staff are able to supply brief telephone counseling and referrals.

## Resources

- YKHC COVID-19 page: [www.ykhc.org/covid-19](http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19)
- State of Alaska COVID-19 page: [coronavirus.alaska.gov](https://coronavirus.alaska.gov)
- CDC COVID-19 page: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](https://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.