



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 17, YKHC has tested 240 individuals — 193 tests are negative, 44 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. YKHC has tested individuals in 18 communities in our service area, including Bethel.

- All close contacts of the first (and only) positive case have completed isolation. All tested close contacts have tested negative.
- IHS provided YKHC with four Abbott ID NOW rapid testing machines, bringing our total to eight. These machines provide COVID-19 results within the same day. **YKHC's testing supplies for these machines are extremely limited.** Each sub-regional clinic will receive a rapid testing machine.
- 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/

Situation Report

- Governor Dunleavy's office released health mandate 15, which allows some elective procedures to resume as early as April 20. YKHC is preparing to operate within the scope of the mandate.
 - The mandate also encourages small communities to have a plan in place to accommodate residents returning from intrastate travel as outlined in Attachment B – Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order.
 - Read all of the Governor's mandates [here](#).
- 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
- 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.