



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 24, YKHC has tested 317 individuals — 229 tests are negative, 84 are pending and one is positive. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab. The positive case reported here is the same positive reported April 6. YKHC has tested individuals in 22 communities in our service area, including Bethel.

- On April 23, YKHC began offering testing for all passengers arriving from Anchorage on Alaska Airlines flights. A testing site is setup at the airport. Samples are collected outdoors and sent to the Alaska Native Medical Center for testing.
- YKHC's testing criteria is available on our website at: www.ykhc.org/covid-19-testing/

Situation Report

- On April 24, YKHC announced that, due to decreased patient census, 300 employees will be furloughed. Notifications of affected employees will begin on Wednesday, April 29, and be completed by Friday, May 8. This will largely affect non-providers because we need to maintain a strong provider workforce in the event we encounter a surge of COVID-19 cases. This furlough will be in effect for four weeks. If our customer census increases during that time, we may be able to bring some furloughed employees back into active employment but the remainder will be laid off after four weeks.
- Effective April 24, YKHC Dental is open for routine, non-emergent oral exams and cleanings using methods that do not generate aerosols. **Most dental procedures, like fillings and root canals, generate aerosols and appointments for these types of services are not available in this limited reopening of services.** More information about scheduling aerosol-generating procedures will be available soon.
 - Customers wanting to be seen will be screened for COVID-19 risk factors.
 - Call YKHC Dental at 543-6229 for an appointment.
 - Read more on our website: www.ykhc.org/dental-covid-19/
- YKHC Optometry plans to resume services April 28, More information will be provided soon.

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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