



# 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. May 15, YKHC has tested 956 individuals — 514 tests are negative, 437 are pending and two are positive. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab. **The new positive case was identified on May 15; details are below.** YKHC has tested individuals in more than 32 communities in our service area, including Bethel.

- YKHC's testing criteria is available on our website at: [www.ykhc.org/covid-19-testing/](http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19-testing/)

## Situation Report

- On May 15, YKHC confirmed a second positive COVID-19 case. The individual traveled from Anchorage to Bethel, continuing same-day travel to an outlying village. YKHC is not releasing the name of the village.
  - This case was identified through airport testing of passengers arriving from Anchorage in Bethel.
    - Typically, more than half of passengers arriving in Bethel from Anchorage refuse to be tested. **This case highlights the urgent need for all passengers to be tested.**
  - Long before any COVID-19 cases were identified in the YK Delta, YKHC developed a plan to respond to any positive cases within service area villages. A response team traveled to the village today (May 15) to provide screening and rapid testing.
  - More details about this new case are available here: [www.ykhc.org/second-covid-19-case-identified-in-yk-delta/](http://www.ykhc.org/second-covid-19-case-identified-in-yk-delta/)
- As YKHC resumes routine services, customer safety in our facilities is our top priority. We have put in place several measures to help keep our customers and staff safe, including:
  - Conducting symptom and COVID-19 risk-factor screening for all customers entering the Bethel hospital.
  - Everyone, including customers and staff, are required to wear masks while in our facilities.
  - We have enhanced our existing cleaning procedures, such as increased frequency of disinfecting high-traffic and frequently touched surfaces and we increased inspection and chemical swab testing after cleaning.
  - **More information about precautions we are taking is available here:** [www.ykhc.org/covid-19/safety/](http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19/safety/)

## 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](http://coronavirus.alaska.gov)
- CDC COVID-19 page: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)

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