

Friday, May 22, 2020

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 22, YKHC has performed 1673 tests — 1390 tests are negative, 278 are pending and two are positive. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab. One individual in the YK Delta has recovered from the virus. The two positive cases listed here are the same cases reported on April 6 and May 15. 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/

Situation Report

- Governor Dunleavy announced that Alaska will begin Phases 3 and 4 of reopening on Friday, May 22.
 - YKHC is continuing to require customers and employees to wear facial coverings at all times while in our facility.
 - YKHC is recommend individuals continue to practice protective measures; including physical distancing while in public, frequent handwashing, wearing a facial covering while outside of your home and disinfecting high-touch surfaces.
 - Read Alaska's reopening plan here: covid19.alaska.gov/reopen/
- YKHC is urging all travelers to remote locations be tested for COVID-19. YKHC continues to offer testing for all Alaska Airlines flights from Anchorage into Bethel.
 - Read more here: www.ykhc.org/ykhc-encourages-all-alaska-airlines-travelers-to-remote-locations-be-tested-for-covid-19/
- 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.
 - 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/

Resources

- YKHC COVID-19 page: www.ykhc.org/covid-19
- State of Alaska COVID-19 page: covid19.alaska.gov/
- CDC COVID-19 page: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/

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