Friday, June 5, 2020

Yukon-Kuskokwim
HEALTH CORPORATION

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. June 5, YKHC has performed 3013 tests — 2446 tests are negative, 561 are pending and three are positive. These are the same three positives previously confirmed by YKHC. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab. 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

- YKHC is resuming routine, non-emergent appointments diligently and cautiously. Whether in our Bethel hospital or one of our village clinics, we are taking every precaution to protect the well-being and safety of those who visit our facilities
  - If you or a loved one would like to learn more about the safety precautions YKHC has implemented across our health system please vist http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19/safety/ for more information.
  - To scheduled an appointment call (907) 543-6442 for outpaitent scheduling, (907) 543-6336 for optometry or (907) 543-6229 for dental. You can also visit www.ykhc.org/telehealth or call outpaitent scheduling for a telehealth appointments as well.
- YKHC is continuing its now bi-weekly tribal call, the next call-in will be hosted on June 18 at 1 p.m.
  - If your tribe has not yet registered for the weekly call-in, you can email YKHC's Public Relations to attend.
- To ensure our providers are healthy as they take care of you, we have enacted several rigorous employee health protocols
  - All staff, including those in non-patient care positions, are required to wear a mask at all times while in YKHC facilities.
  - Any employees who have traveled out-of-region, must quarantine upon return, monitor temperature twice daily, and are strongly encouraged to receive COVID-19 testing upon return. Employees who have traveled out-of-state or who offer direct patient care and have traveled out-of-region, are required to be tested for COVID-19 upon returning to Bethel, quarantine, monitor temperature twice daily, and complete a second test before returning to work.
  - All providers and staff traveling to our villages receive enhanced screening and COVID-19 testing.

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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YKHC Incident Command Center, (907) 543-6275. Currently staffed Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.