



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 7 a.m. June 19, YKHC has performed 4631 tests — 3875 tests are negative, 746 are pending and eight are positive. Three new positive cases were confirmed this week. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab. YKHC has tested individuals in more than 32 communities in our service area, including Bethel.

- While eight positive COVID cases have been identified in the YK Delta, two of these eight cases are non-residents. Therefore, per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at six.
- Dr. Hodges spoke with KYUK this week on the importance of continuing protective measures. Listen here: <https://www.kyuk.org/post/ykhc-says-coronavirus-cases-will-rise-alaska-reopens>

Situation Report

- On June 12, YKHC was notified by the State of Alaska Section of Epidemiology that an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage. The individual was tested at ANMC in accordance with health mandate 15.
 - YKHC conducted contact tracing and our village rapid response team arrived in the affected community on June 13. All rapid tests of close contacts returned negative. Confirmatory and community-wide lab results are still pending.
 - More information on this case is available here: <https://www.ykhc.org/one-new-covid-19-case-identified-in-yk-delta-on-june-12/> & <https://www.ykhc.org/update-from-recent-community-based-covid-19-response/>
- On June 15, YKHC tested an individual in Bethel, in accordance with Health Mandate 15, and the rapid test result returned as positive. The individual resides in a YKHC service area village, but was in Bethel at the time of testing.
 - Later on June 15, the individual was tested a second time using another in-house lab analyzer that uses a higher standard of viral detection than the rapid test. The sample provided did not meet the level of detection and the result returned as negative. This second test returning negative does not mean the person was completely free of the virus, it only means the sample did not meet the level required for the second test to detect the virus.
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 - More information on the additional case here: <https://www.ykhc.org/june-15-positive/> & <https://www.ykhc.org/update-from-recent-community-based-covid-19-response/>
- In the evening of June 18, YKHC was informed that an individual who resides in a YK Delta service area village tested positive for COVID-19 while in the Bristol Bay region. While the individual remains in Bristol Bay, per State reporting protocols, the positive case will be counted as a YK Delta case.
 - Contact tracing reveals the individual was not in the YK Delta during the period of time they would have been considered infectious for COVID-19. Therefore, local response for contact tracing and follow-up testing is being managed within the Bristol Bay.
 - More information on the latest case available here: <https://www.ykhc.org/yk-delta-resident-tests-positive-for-covid-19-in-bristol-bay/>

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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