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 11 a.m. August 14, YKHC has performed 15,075 tests — 11,220 are negative and about 355 are pending. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab. YKHC has tested individuals in more than 32 communities in our service area, including Bethel.

- YKHC has confirmed or identified a total of 54 positive COVID-19 cases in Bethel and the YK Delta. 14 of the 54 cases were residents tested out-of-region, but per State reporting protocols, will be counted as YK Delta cases. 14 of these 54 total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 40.

- Every Wednesday from noon-4:00 p.m. YKHC offers free COVID-19 testing **without** appointment at the drive-thru testing site in Bethel. Testing at this site continues to be available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2:00-4:00 p.m., but by appointment only. Individuals concerned with COVID-19-related symptoms should call their local village clinic, or in Bethel call 543-6949, to be assisted.

- All new positive COVID-19 cases identified and known in the YK Delta are reported on YKHC's website at: https://www.ykhc.org/covid-19/news/

Recoveries

- Cases are considered recovered either through serial testing or time.

  - For serial testing, if an individual has been symptomatic, they must receive 2 negative PCR tests more than 24 hours apart after symptoms resolve to be cleared. If they are asymptomatic, they must receive a negative PCR test after the initial test.

  - For time, an individual who has been symptomatic is considered recovered when 10 days have elapsed from when symptoms began, symptoms show improvement, and an additional 3 days have elapsed since their last fever. If asymptomatic, an individual is considered recovered 10 days from their last test.

- Of the total 54 confirmed or known positives cases in the YK Delta, YKHC is managing contact tracing and follow-up testing for 44 of these cases — as they were identified in-region, are YK Delta residents currently elsewhere in state, or considered infectious while here. 39 of these 54 cases are considered recovered, with 15 remaining active. 14 of these cases were either identified out-of-region or were not infectious while here.

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- On August 8, YKHC confirmed a positive COVID-19 case in Bethel of an individual tested in accordance with Health Mandate 18. The individual is not a resident of Bethel, and therefore per State reporting protocols, will not be counted in the YK Delta positive case count. More here: https://www.ykhc.org/one-covid19-case-in-bethel-august8/

- On August 10, YKHC confirmed two new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

  - **Case 1:** YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was identified through testing of inbound passengers at the Bethel airport. To protect patient privacy, YKHC is not releasing the name of the service area village the individual is from.

  - **Case 2:** YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19. To protect patient privacy, YKHC is not releasing the name of the service area village the individual is from.

  - More on both cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/two-covid19-cases-ykdelta-august10/

- On August 11, YKHC confirmed a positive COVID-19 case in Bethel of an individual tested in accordance with Health Mandate 10.1. The individual is currently self-isolating and YKHC is working with the State of Alaska Section of Epidemiology to conduct contact tracing, follow-up testing, and ensure precautions are taken to protect people the individual may have been in close contact with. More here: https://www.ykhc.org/one-new-covid19-case-bethel-august11/

- On August 12, YKHC identified five new COVID-19 cases in Bethel. All cases announced here were close contacts of previously known COVID-19 cases.

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Situation Report (continued)

- **Cases 1, 2 and 3:** Late in the day on August 11, YKHC confirmed three Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals are currently self-isolating. All close contacts have been identified, provided instructions for follow-up testing, and advised on precautions to take.

- **Case 4:** Late in the day on August 11, YKHC confirmed an individual in Bethel tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is not a resident of the YK Delta and, therefore per State reporting protocols, will not be counted in the YK Delta positive case count.

- **Case 5:** On August 12, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is currently self-isolating.

- More on the five cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/five-new-covid19-cases-in-bethel-august12/

- On August 13, YKHC identified three new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

  - **Case 1:** On August 12, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is currently self-isolating. To protect patient privacy, YKHC is not releasing the name of the service area village the individual is from.

  - **Cases 2 and 3:** On August 13, YKHC confirmed two Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19. Both cases were close contacts of previously known COVID-19 cases. The

individuals are currently self-isolating and YKHC is working with the State of Alaska Section of Epidemiology to conduct contact tracing, follow-up testing, and ensure precautions are taken to protect people the individual may have been in close contact with.

  - More on the three cases case here: https://www.ykhc.org/three-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-aug13/

- On August 14, YKHC identified two new COVID-19 cases in Bethel. Both cases announced here are close contacts of previously known COVID-19 cases.

  - **Case 1**: Late in the day on August 13, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is currently self-isolating and YKHC is working with the State of Alaska Section of Epidemiology to conduct contact tracing, follow-up testing, and ensure precautions are taken to protect people the individual may have been in close contact with.

  - **Case 2:** On August 14, YKHC confirmed a positive COVID-19 case of a Bethel resident identified through testing of inbound passengers at the Bethel airport. The individual is currently self-isolating.

  - More here: https://www.ykhc.org/two-covid19-cases-in-bethel-aug14/

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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