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 12 p.m. September 4, YKHC has performed 15,627 tests — 14,914 are negative and about 626 are pending. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab. YKHC has tested individuals in 33 communities in our service area, including Bethel.

- YKHC has confirmed or identified a total of 84 positive COVID-19 cases in Bethel and the YK Delta. 15 of these total cases were residents either tested out-of-region or were not infectious while here, but per State reporting protocols, will be counted as YK Delta cases. 16 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 68.

- 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 84 confirmed or known positives cases in the YK Delta, YKHC is managing contact tracing and follow-up testing for 67

of these cases — as they were identified in-region, are YK Delta residents currently elsewhere in state, or considered infectious while here. 67 of these 84 cases are considered recovered, with 15 remaining active and 2 decesased.

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- Late in the day on August 27, 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 individuals are from. The individual is a close contact of a previously known COVID-19 case. More on the case here: https://www.ykhc.org/one-new-covid19-case-yk-delta-august28/

- On August 29, YKHC identified two new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta:

  □ **Case 1:** Late in the day on August 28, YKHC confirmed a positive COVID-19 case of an individual in Bethel, 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.

  □ **Case 2:** Late in the day on August 28, 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. This case is epidemiologically linked to a previously known COVID-19 case.

  □ More on the two cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/two-new-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-aug29/

- On August 31, during a special meeting of the Bethel City Council, the council passed Emergency Ordinance 20-26, adopting the State of Alaska's travel protocols for all interstate and intrastate passengers arriving in Bethel. This ordinance requires all arriving travelers to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test, take a COVID-19 test upon arrival and self-isolate until notified of a negative result, or quarantine for a period of 14 days following arrival to the region. The Bethel City Council also passed Emergency Ordinance 20-27, mandating masks or face coverings to be

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worn in public to prevent transmission of COVID-19. The Emergency Ordinances are effective for 60 days.

▫ Read more on the City of Bethel's website: https://www.cityofbethel.org/council

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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