

# 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 3 p.m. September 25, YKHC has performed 19,015 tests — 18,734 are negative and about 185 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 140 positive COVID-19 cases in Bethel and the YK Delta. 25 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. 19 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 96.
- 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 140 confirmed or known positives cases in the YK Delta, YKHC is managing contact tracing and follow-up testing

for 113 of these cases — as they were identified in-region, are YK Delta residents currently elsewhere in state, or considered infectious while here. 122 of these 140 cases are considered recovered, with 16 remaining active and 2 deceased.

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- On September 18, YKHC identified twelve new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
  - **Case 1:** Late in the day on September 17, YKHC confirmed a positive COVID-19 case in Bethel of an individual who tested in accordance with Health Mandate 10.1. The individual is not a resident of Bethel or the YK Delta.
  - **Case 2, 3, and 4:** Late in the day on September 17, YKHC was notified that three individuals who reside in Bethel tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage. Contact tracing indicates that the individuals have been in Anchorage during their exposure period and will remain in Anchorage during their infectious periods.
  - **Case 5:** Late in the day on September 17, YKHC was notified that an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage. Contact tracing indicates that the individual has been in Anchorage during their exposure period and will remain in Anchorage during their infectious period.
  - **Case 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12:** On September 18, YKHC confirmed seven individuals who reside 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 individuals are all close contacts of a previously known COVID-19 case.
  - More on the twelve cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/twelve-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-sept18/>
- On September 19, YKHC confirmed an individual in Bethel tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is not a resident of Bethel or the YK Delta.
  - More on the case here: <https://www.ykhc.org/one-new-covid19-case-bethel-sept19/>

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### Situation Report (continued)

- On September 20, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19.
  - More on the case here: <https://www.ykhc.org/one-new-covid19-case-bethel-sept20/>
- On September 22, YKHC identified two new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
  - On September 22, YKHC was notified that an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage. Contact tracing indicates that the individual has been in Anchorage during their exposure period and will remain in Anchorage during their infectious period.
  - On September 22, 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-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-sept22/>
- On September 23, YKHC identified four new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
  - **Case 1:** Late in the day on September 22, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 while in Bethel.
  - **Case 2:** On September 23, YKHC was notified that an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 at the Bethel airport and subsequently returned to their service area village.
  - **Case 3:** On September 23, YKHC was notified that an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage. Contact tracing indicates that the individual has been out of the region during their exposure period and will remain in Anchorage during their infectious period.
  - **Case 4:** On September 23, YKHC was notified that an individual from Bethel tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage. Contact tracing indicates that the individual has been out of the region during their exposure period and will remain in Anchorage during their infectious period.
  - More here on the four cases: <https://www.ykhc.org/four-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-sept23/>
- On September 24, YKHC identified three new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
  - **Case 1:** Late in the day on September 23, 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.
  - **Case 2:** On September 24, YKHC was notified that an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 at the Bethel airport and subsequently returned to their service area village. The individual was not notified about the positive test result until after travel occurred.
  - **Case 3:** On September 24, YKHC was notified that an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage. Contact tracing indicates that the individual has been in Anchorage during their exposure and will remain in Anchorage during their infectious period.
  - More on the three cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/three-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-sept24/>

### Resources

- YKHC COVID-19 page: [www.ykhc.org/covid-19](http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19)
- State of Alaska COVID-19 page: [covid19.alaska.gov/](https://covid19.alaska.gov/)
- CDC COVID-19 page: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)

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