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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 4 p.m October 9, YKHC has performed 21,504 tests — 21,109 are negative and about 275 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 221 positive COVID-19 cases in Bethel and the YK Delta. 29 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. 25 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 167.

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

for 188 of these cases — as they were identified in-region, are YK Delta residents currently elsewhere in state, or considered infectious while here. 151 of these 221 cases are considered recovered, with 68 remaining active and 2 deceased.

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- On October 2, YKHC identified two new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

  - **Case 1:** On October 2, YKHC was notified that an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage and subsequently returned to their service area village.

  - **Case 2:** On October 2, YKHC was notified that an individual who resides in Kasigluk tested positive for COVID-19 while elsewhere in Alaska. Contact tracing indicates the individual was in Kasigluk during their infectious period. The individual is currently self-isolating out of region.

  - More on the two cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/two-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-oct2/

- On October 3, YKHC identified six new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

  - **Case 1:** Late in the day on October 2, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is a close contact of a previously known COVID-19 case.

  - **Case 2:** Late in the day on October 2, YKHC confirmed that an individual in Bethel tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is not a resident of Bethel or the YK Delta, and therefore per State reporting protocols, will not be counted in the YK Delta positive case count. Contact tracing indicates this is a travel-related case

  - **Case 3:** Late in the day on October 2, YKHC was notified that a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19 out-of-state. While the individual has been out of region for the period of time they would have been exposed to and considered infectious, per State reporting protocols, the positive case will be counted as a YK Delta case.

  - **Case 4, 5 and 6:** On October 3, YKHC confirmed that three

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individuals who reside in Quinhagak tested positive for COVID-19.

- More on the six cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/six-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-oct3/

- On October 4, YKHC identified ten new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

  - **Cases 1 :**Late in the day on October 3, YKHC confirmed that an individual in Bethel tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is not a resident of Bethel or the YK Delta. The individual is a close contact of a previously known COVID-19 case.

  - **Case 2:** Late in the day on October 3, YKHC was notified that an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage and subsequently returned to their service area village. The individual was not notified about their positive test result until after travel occurred. To protect patient privacy, YKHC is not releasing the name of the service area village the individual is from.

  - **Case 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9:** On October 4, YKHC confirmed that seven individuals who reside in Quinhagak tested positive for COVID-19.

  - **Case 10:** On October 4, YKHC confirmed that a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing indicates this is a travel-related case.

  - More on the ten cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/ten-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-oct4/

- On October 5, YKHC identified twenty new COVID-19 cases in Quinhagak.

  - **Case 1, 2, 3, and 4:** Late in the day on October 4, YKHC confirmed that four individuals who reside in Quinhagak tested positive for COVID-19.

  - **Case 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20:** On October 5, YKHC confirmed that sixteen individuals who reside in Quinhagak tested positive for COVID-19.

  - More on the 20 cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/twenty-new-covid19-cases-quinhagak-oct5/

- On October 6, YKHC identified three new COVID-19 cases in Quinhagak.

  - **Case 1:** Late in the day on October 5, YKHC confirmed that

an individual who resides in Quinhagak tested positive for COVID-19.

- **Case 2 and 3:** On October 6, YKHC confirmed that two individuals who reside in Quinhagak tested positive for COVID-19.

- More on the three cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/three-new-covid19-cases-quinhagak-oct6/

- On October 7, YKHC identified five new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

  - **Case 1:** Late in the day on October 6, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19 in Bethel. The individual is a close contact of a previously known COVID-19 case.

  - **Case 2:** Late in the day on October 6, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19 in Bethel. Contact tracing indicates that the case is travel related.

  - **Case 3 and 4:** On October 7, YKHC confirmed that three Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Bethel. The individuals are all close contacts of a previously known COVID-19 case.

  - More on the five cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/five-new-covid19-cases-bethel-oct7/

- On October 8, YKHC identified nine new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

  - **Case 1 and 2:** Late in the day on October 7, YKHC confirmed two Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals are close contacts of previously known COVID-19 cases.

  - **Case 3:** Late in the day on October 7, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing indicates this is a travel-related case.

  - **Case 4:** On October 8, YKHC confirmed that a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19. The case investigation is on-going.

  - **Case 5, 6, and 7:** On October 8, YKHC confirmed three individuals who reside in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals are all close contacts of a previously known COVID-19 case.

  - **Case 8 and 9:** On October 8, YKHC confirmed that two Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Bethel.

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- ◦ More on the eight cases here: https://www.ykhc.org/nine-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-oct8/

- On October 9, YKHC identified twelve new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

  - ◦ **Case 1:** Late in the day on October 8, 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 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9:** On October 9, YKHC confirmed eight Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals are all close contacts of previously known COVID-19 cases.

  - ◦ **Case 10:** On October 9, YKHC confirmed that a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19.

  - ◦ **Case 11:** On October 9, YKHC confirmed a positive COVID-19 case of an individual in Kwethluk. The individual is not a resident of the YK Delta.

  - ◦ **Case 12:** On October 9, YKHC confirmed that an individual who resides in Quinhagak tested positive for COVID-19.

- YKHC has evidence that community spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, is occurring in the village of Quinhagak. This joint advisory is issued by YKHC, the Native Village of Kwinhagak, and City of Quinhagak out of an abundance of caution, to warn the public we believe community spread is occurring and so individuals can take appropriate measures to reduce exposure to or spread of the virus. The determination of community spread was made by YKHC on October 3, following three recent COVID-19 cases in the village that cannot be linked to travel at this time. The case investigations are on-going.

  - ◦ More on Quinhagak's community spread here: https://www.ykhc.org/joint-statement-covid19-community-spread-in-quinhagak/

- Please note: On October 1, YKHC sent a letter to all Tribes in our service area to receive written authorization to disclose the name of communities in public notifications when positive COVID-19 test results affect villages in our service area. The purpose of this is to continue to protect patient privacy, while bringing as much awareness as possible of current community public health risks, encourage community response and prevention, and promote use of protective measures. This statement reflects the first use of this authorization received by Tribal leadership in our service area.

- YKHC invites you to listen to a recording of this week's local government call here: https://www.ykhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/100820-Local-Government-Call.mp3

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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