

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 1 p.m. October 23, YKHC has performed 25,370 tests — 24,749 are negative and about 321 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 569 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. 31 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 509.
- 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 569 confirmed or known positives cases in the YK Delta, YKHC is managing contact tracing and follow-up testing

for 547 of these cases — as they were identified in-region, are YK Delta residents currently elsewhere in state, or considered infectious while here. 279 of these 569 cases are considered recovered, with 286 remaining active and 4 deceased.

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- On October 16, YKHC identified thirteen new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - **Case 1 and 2:** Late in the day on October 15, YKHC confirmed two individuals who reside in Toksook Bay tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 3:** Late in the day on October 15, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 4:** Late in the day on October 15, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9:** On October 16, YKHC confirmed five Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 10:** On October 16, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 11:** On October 16, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in Toksook Bay tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 12:** On October 16, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 13:** On October 16, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 and subsequently traveled to Bethel. The individual was unaware of their positive result until after travel occurred.
 - More on the 13 cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/thirteen-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-oct16/>
- On October 17, YKHC identified eight new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - **One new death (third in-region):** It is with profound sadness

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YKHC reports that on October 17 a YK Delta resident in their 80's died due to complications of COVID-19. The next of kin have been notified. YKHC sends our deepest condolences to the loved ones mourning the loss of this individual.

- **Case 1:** Late in the day on October 16, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 elsewhere in Alaska. Contact tracing indicates the individual was infectious while in-region.
 - **Case 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7:** Late in the day on October 16, YKHC confirmed six individuals who reside in Toksook Bay tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 8, 9, and 10:** On October 17, YKHC confirmed three residents of Quinhagak tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 11:** On October 17, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 12:** On October 17, YKHC confirmed a positive COVID-19 case of an individual in Bethel. The individual is not a resident of the YK Delta.
 - More on the twelve cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/twelve-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-oct17/>
- On October 18, YKHC confirmed two Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the two cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/two-new-covid19-cases-bethel-oct18/>
- On October 19, YKHC identified nine new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - **Case 1, 2, and 3:** Late in the day on October 18, YKHC confirmed three Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 4:** On October 19, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19 elsewhere in Alaska.
 - **Case 5, 6, and 7:** On October 19, YKHC confirmed three Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 8:** On October 19, YKHC confirmed a Bethel resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Case 9:** On October 19, YKHC confirmed an individual who resides in Toksook Bay tested positive for COVID-19.
- More on the nine cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/nine-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-oct19/>
- On October 20, YKHC identified seventy-eight new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta and reports one new death.
 - **One new death (fourth in-region):** It is with profound sadness YKHC reports that on October 19 a YK Delta resident in their 70s died due to complications of COVID-19. The next of kin have been notified. YKHC sends our deepest condolences to the loved ones mourning the loss of this individual..
 - **5 cases in Bethel:** On October 20, YKHC confirmed five Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19. Early contact tracing indicates these cases are likely related to community-based transmission.
 - **51 cases in Chevak:** On October 20, YKHC confirmed 51 Chevak residents tested positive for COVID-19. Early contact tracing indicates these cases are likely related to community-based transmission.
 - **2 cases in two YKHC service area villages:** On October 20, YKHC confirmed two residents in two YKHC service area villages tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **1 case in Hooper Bay:** On October 20, YKHC confirmed a Hooper Bay resident tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing indicates this case is likely travel related.
 - **8 cases in Quinhagak:** On October 20, YKHC confirmed 8 Quinhagak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **11 cases in Toksook bay:** On October 20, YKHC confirmed 11 Toksook Bay residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the eleven cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/seventy-eight-covid19-cases-yk-delta-oct20/>
- On October 21, YKHC identified ninety-two new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - **16 cases in Bethel:** On October 21, YKHC confirmed sixteen Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **51 cases in Chevak:** On October 21, YKHC confirmed 51 Chevak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **2 cases in Kwethluk:** On October 21, YKHC confirmed two Kwethluk residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **1 case in a YKHC service area village:** YKHC confirmed that

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- a resident of a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **22 cases in Quinhagak:** YKHC confirmed 22 Quinhagak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the eighteen cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/ninety-two-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-oct21/>
- On October 22, YKHC identified sixty-seven new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - **10 cases in Bethel:** On October 22, YKHC confirmed 10 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19. .
 - **38 cases in Chevak:** On October 22, YKHC confirmed 38 Chevak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **2 cases in a YKHC service area village:** On October 22, YKHC confirmed two YKHC service area village residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **2 non-resident cases in two YKHC service area villages:** YKHC confirmed that two individuals tested positive for COVID-19 while in two different service area villages.
 - **15 cases in Quinhagak:** YKHC confirmed 15 Quinhagak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the fourteen cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/sixty-seven-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-oct22/>
- YKHC has evidence that community spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, is occurring in the village of Toksook Bay. This joint advisory is issued by YKHC and the Nunakauyarmiut Tribe 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.
 - More on Community spread in Toksook Bay here: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid19-community-spread-toksook-bay-oct16/>
- YKHC has evidence that community spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, is occurring in the village of Chevak. This joint advisory is issued by YKHC and the Chevak Native Village 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.
 - More on community spread in Chevak here: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid19-community-spread-in-chevak-oct17/>
- YKHC has received feedback that customers who have called the COVID-19 hotline frequently experienced challenges leaving messages and either did not receive a call back or received a delayed call back. We understand the frustration this has caused during this uncertain time and have worked hard to remedy the issue.
 - More on YKHC's hotline improvements here: <https://www.ykhc.org/ykhc-improves-covid19-hotline/>
- Throughout the week, the YK Delta has experienced an alarming surge in COVID-19 cases in multiple communities. YKHC emphasizes that without immediate broad behavior change by the public, cases of this highly contagious virus will continue to climb. It is well-evidenced that increased cases of COVID-19 are likely to be followed by an increased number of hospitalizations and deaths.
 - More on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the YK Delta here: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid19-pandemic-in-ykdelta-oct23/>

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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