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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 November 10, YKHC has performed 33,804 tests — 31,498 are negative and about 925 are pending. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab. YKHC has tested individuals in 35 communities in our service area, including Bethel.

**Due to an increased volume of testing, YKHC is reconciling total test counts for the remainder of the week.*

- YKHC has confirmed or identified a total of 1413 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. 34 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 1379.
- Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 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 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 1413 confirmed or known positives cases in the YK Delta, YKHC is managing contact tracing and follow-up testing for 1,384 of these cases — as they were identified in-region, are YK Delta residents currently elsewhere in state, or considered infectious while here. 1088 of these 1413 cases are considered recovered, with 318 remaining active and 7 deceased.

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- **Due to a significant increase in COVID-19 cases across the region, case investigations are on-going to identify whether cases are travel-related, a result of close contact, or a result of community-based transmission. Unfortunately, due to the volume of cases in-region, this information may be unavailable for Tribe and City leaders.**
- On November 6, YKHC identified fifty-two new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - Two residents of two YKHC service area villages tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One St. Mary's resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Numerous Napaskiak residents tested positive for COVID-19. **Consent provided by the Native Village of Napaskiak states the total number of cases should not be publicly provided.*
 - 10 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - An individual tested positive for COVID-19 in Bethel. The individual is not a resident of the YK Delta and, per State reporting protocols, will not be counted in the YK Delta positive case count.
 - One Mountain Village resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Three Emmonak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Eight Chevak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Three Toksook Bay residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/fifty-two-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov6/>
- On November 7, YKHC reports three in-region hospitalizations and identified fifty-two new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

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one medevac, and identified twenty-one new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.

- **One death:** It is with profound sadness YKHC reports that on November 10 a YK Delta resident in their 90s 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. This is the sixth COVID-19 death associated with the YK Delta region.
 - **One in-region hospitalization:** One COVID-19 positive individual was admitted into the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital. This is the fourteenth individual hospitalized in-region due to COVID-19.
 - **One out-of-region hospitalization:** One COVID-19 positive individual was medevac'd out-of-region for hospitalization. This is the twelfth individual medevac'd due to COVID-19.
 - Two residents of a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 11 Toksook Bay residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Numerous Napaskiak residents tested positive for COVID-19. **Consent provided by the Native Village of Napaskiak states the total number of cases should not be publicly provided.*
 - Eight Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One Kwethluk resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One Mekoryuk resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Two Quinhagak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/twenty-one-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-nov10/>
- On November 11, YKHC reports one hospitalization and twenty-nine new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - **One in-region hospitalization:** One COVID-19 positive individual was admitted into the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital. This is the fifteenth individual hospitalized in-region due to COVID-19.
 - Two residents of a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 20 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Numerous Napaskiak residents tested positive for COVID-19. **Consent provided by the Native Village of Napaskiak states the total number of cases should not be publicly provided.*
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 - One Scammon Bay resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/twenty-nine-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-nov11/>
- On November 12, YKHC reports one death and identified sixty-four new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - **One death:** It is with profound sadness YKHC reports that on November 12 a YK Delta resident in their 60s 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. This is the seventh COVID-19 death associated with the YK Delta region.
 - One Scammon Bay resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Numerous Napaskiak residents tested positive for COVID-19. **Consent provided by the Native Village of Napaskiak states the total number of cases should not be publicly provided.*
 - 12 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 47 Kwethluk residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/sixty-four-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov12/>
- On November 13, YKHC identified one-hundred new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - 14 Akiak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 42 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Two Chevak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One Hooper Bay resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One Kongiganak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 21 Kwethluk residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Numerous Napaskiak residents tested positive for COVID-19. **Consent provided by the Native Village of Napaskiak states the total number of cases should not be publicly provided.*
 - Two Scammon Bay residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Two Toksook Bay residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/one-hundred-covid19-cases-in-the-yk-delta-nov13/>



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- YKHC has evidence that widespread community-based transmission of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, is occurring in the village of Kwethluk. This joint advisory is issued by YKHC, the Organized Village of Kwethluk, and the City of Kwethluk 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 here: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid19-community-spread-in-kwethluk-nov12/>
- YKHC has evidence that widespread community-based transmission of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, is occurring in the village of Scammon Bay. This joint advisory is issued by YKHC, the Native Village of Scammon Bay, and the City of Scammon Bay 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 here: <https://www.ykhc.org/community-spread-covid19-scammon-bay/>
- YKHC has evidence that widespread community-based transmission of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, is occurring in the village of Akiak. This joint advisory is issued by YKHC and Akiak Native Community 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 here: <https://www.ykhc.org/community-spread-covid19-akiak/>
- Beginning Thursday, November 12, YKHC started offering free COVID-19 testing, without an appointment, at the Bethel drive-thru testing site Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The change in testing hours ensures YKHC has sufficient staff on hand to conduct on-site testing at the Bethel airport when meeting the flight from Anchorage each day, as well as meeting the testing demands at the drive-thru site.
 - More here: <https://www.ykhc.org/ykhc-expands-public-testing-hours-in-bethel-nov10/>
- Did you miss the November 12 Tribal Call? Listen to the recording online at: <https://www.ykhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/11220-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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