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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 1 p.m. November 20, YKHC has performed 37,899 tests — 32,440 are negative and about 3,559 are pending. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab. YKHC has tested individuals in 37 communities in our service area, including Bethel.

- YKHC has confirmed or identified a total of 1650 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. 32 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 1616.
- Monday through Friday from 2:00-5:00 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 2:00-5:00 p.m. by appointment as well. 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 when:
 - If an individual was symptomatic, 10 days must 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 1650 confirmed or known positives cases in the YK Delta, YKHC is managing contact tracing and follow-up testing for 1,721 of these cases — as they were identified in-region, are YK Delta residents currently elsewhere in state, or considered infectious while here. 1253 of these 1650 cases are considered recovered, with 387 remaining active and 10 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.**
- 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.
 - YKHC confirmed 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/>
- On November 14, YKHC reports two hospitalizations and fifty-three new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - Two COVID-19 positive individuals were admitted into the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital. These were the sixteenth and seventeenth individuals hospitalized in-region due to COVID-19.
 - 5 Akiak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 17 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One Kongiganak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 11 Kwethluk residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - YKHC confirmed numerous Napaskiak residents tested positive for COVID-19. **Consent provided by the Native Village*

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- One resident of a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One Quinhagak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Two Scammon Bay residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/fifty-three-covid-19-cases-in-the-ykdelta-nov14/>
- On November 15, YKHC reports one death and fifteen new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - It is with profound sadness YKHC reports that late in the day on November 14 a YK Delta resident in their 80s 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 eighth COVID-19 death associated with the YK Delta region.
 - One Akiak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Eight Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - A Napaskiak resident tested positive for COVID-19. **On November 16, the Native Village of Napaskiak revised its consent to publicly provide the total number of cases.*
 - Three Quinhagak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Two Tuluksak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/fifteen-covid-19-cases-in-the-ykdelta-nov15/>
- On November 16, YKHC reports one death, one hospitalization and twenty-six new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - It is with profound sadness YKHC reports that on November 16 a YK Delta resident in their 30s 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 ninth COVID-19 death associated with the YK Delta region.
 - One COVID-19 positive individual was admitted into the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital. This was the eighteenth individual hospitalized in-region due to COVID-19.
 - 16 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 3 Emmonak residents tested positive for COVID-19. One of these individuals tested positive while in Bethel, where they are currently self-isolating.
 - One Kwethluk resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - On November 16, YKHC confirmed 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.*
 - One Quinhagak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One Tuluksak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/twenty-six-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov16/>
- On November 17, YKHC reports one death, two hospitalizations and sixty-three new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - It is with profound sadness YKHC reports that late in the day on November 16 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 tenth COVID-19 death associated with the YK Delta region.
 - Two COVID-19 positive individuals were admitted into the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital. These are the nineteenth and twentieth individuals hospitalized in-region due to COVID-19.
 - 37 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 5 Chevak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 7 Emmonak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 4 Kwethluk resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 6 Napaskiak residents tested positive for COVID-19. **On November 16, the Native Village of Napaskiak revised its consent to publicly provide the total number of cases.*
 - One resident of a YKHC service area village tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 3 Pilot Station residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/sixty-three-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov17/>
- On November 18, YKHC identified forty-three new COVID-19

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cases in the YK Delta.

- 2 Aniak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
- 33 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
- One Eek resident tested positive for COVID-19.
- 2 Kwethluk resident tested positive for COVID-19.
- 2 Napaskiak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
- One Pilot Station resident tested positive for COVID-19.
- One Quinhagak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
- One Tuluksak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
- More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/forty-three-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov18/>
- On November 19, YKHC reports one medevac and identified thirty-seven new COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - One COVID-19 positive individual was medevac'd out-of-region for hospitalization. This is the thirteenth individual medevac'd due to COVID-19.
 - One Aniak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 9 Bethel residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One Chevak resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - One Eek resident tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 3 Kongiganak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 6 Kwethluk residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 2 Napaskiak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 7 Pilot Station residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 2 Quinhagak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 3 Scammon Bay residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 2 Tuluksak residents tested positive for COVID-19.
 - More on the cases here: <https://www.ykhc.org/thirty-seven-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov19/>
- 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 on community spread in Akiak here: <https://www.ykhc.org/community-spread-covid19-akiak/>
- On October 12, and again on October 28, YKHC issued public health alerts urging the public to follow all COVID-19 precautions to break the cycle of transmission in the region, in every effort to warn the public of actions needed immediately to prevent exceeding local healthcare capacity. As part of the October 28 alert, YKHC provided Dr. Tom Hennessy's modeling of the COVID-19 pandemic in the YK Delta, which predicted continued rates of transmission could overwhelm local medical capacity within 2-3 weeks.
 - More on YKHC's month-long lockdown recommendation and crisis capacity care strategy here: <https://www.ykhc.org/ykhc-urges-regionwide-lockdown-prepares-crisis-capacity-strategy-nov16/>

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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