

# 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. November 27, YKHC has performed 40,132 tests — 34,969 are negative and about 3,009 are pending. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab.

- YKHC offers free COVID-19 testing, without an appointment, at the Bethel drive-thru testing site every Monday through Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. Testing continues by appointment in Bethel, by calling 543-6949, or in villages by calling the local clinic for assistance.

### Positive Case Count

- As of November 27, YKHC has confirmed a total of 2,224 positive COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
  - 30 of these total cases were residents tested out-of-region or were not infectious while here, but per State reporting protocols, will be counted as YK Delta cases.
  - 35 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 2,189.
- 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

- 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.
- An individual who has been *asymptomatic* is considered recovered 10 days from their last test.
- Of the total 2,224 confirmed positive cases in the YK Delta, 1,871 cases are considered recovered, 341 remain active and 12 are deceased.

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- During the week of November 20-27, YKHC reported:
  - 574 new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta
  - 10 in-region hospitalizations

- 2 deaths
- Read the daily case statements on our website:
  - Nov. 20: <https://www.ykhc.org/seventy-four-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov20/>
  - Nov. 21: <https://www.ykhc.org/thirty-six-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-nov21/>
  - Nov. 22: <https://www.ykhc.org/seventy-one-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-on-nov22/>
  - Nov. 23: <https://www.ykhc.org/one-hundred-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov23/>
  - Nov. 24: <https://www.ykhc.org/sixty-three-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov24/>
  - Nov. 25: <https://www.ykhc.org/sixty-six-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov25/>
  - Nov. 26-27: <https://www.ykhc.org/one-hundred-sixty-four-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-nov26-27/>
- YKHC issued two joint statements during the week, regarding evidence of community-based transmission of COVID-19 occurring in Tuluksak and Kongiganak.
  - Tuluksak: <https://www.ykhc.org/evidence-of-covid19-community-spread-in-tuluksak-nov24/>
  - Kongiganak: <https://www.ykhc.org/evidence-of-covid19-community-spread-in-kongiganak-nov25/>
  - To date, other communities with evidence of community-based transmission of COVID-19 include: Akiak, Bethel, Chevak, Kwethluk, Napaskiak, Quinhagak, Scammon Bay, and Toksook Bay
- 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 19, YKHC was notified on Thursday, November 19, that COVID-19 test results sent to the ANMC lab for processing are expected to experience a 7-14 day delay as a result of na-



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tionwide shortage of testing reagent and molecular analyzers pulled offline to undergo maintenance. ANMC runs processing of COVID-19 tests for multiple rural Tribal Health Organizations, including YKHC.

The lab results of individuals in the YK Delta tested for COVID-19 on October 29 and November 3-20 may be affected by this delay.

- More here: <https://www.ykhc.org/shortage-of-test-reagent-offline-equipment-cause-lab-delay-nov21/>
- On Monday, November 23, YKHC held a virtual COVID-19 featuring YKHC leadership, Alaska Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anne Zink, Alaska Epidemiologist Dr. Joe McLaughlin, ANMC Acting Administrator Dr. Bob Onders, and AVCP President Vivian Korthis.
  - Watch the recording here: <https://fb.watch/2Inmxs2lq2/>
- During routine weekly testing on Wednesday, November 25, one resident at the Long Term Care facility in Bethel tested positive for COVID-19.
  - More here: <https://www.ykhc.org/one-resident-at-long-term-care-tests-positive-for-covid19-nov26/>

## 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/](http://covid19.alaska.gov/)
- CDC COVID-19 page: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)

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