

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 4 p.m. December 18, YKHC has performed 51,545 tests — 47,123 are negative and about 1,322 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 December 17, YKHC confirmed a total of 3,253 positive COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - 34 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.
 - 40 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 3,213.
- 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 3,253 confirmed positives cases in the YK Delta, 2,807 cases are considered recovered, 430 remain active and 16 are deceased.

Situation Report

- During the week of December 11-17, YKHC reported:
 - 279 new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta
 - 3 in-region hospitalization
 - 1 death

- Read the daily case statements on our website:
 - Dec. 11: <https://www.ykhc.org/35-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec11/>
 - Dec. 12: <https://www.ykhc.org/sixty-seven-new-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-dec12/>
 - Dec. 13: <https://www.ykhc.org/twenty-nine-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-dec13/>
 - Dec. 14: <https://www.ykhc.org/47-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec14/>
 - Dec. 15: <https://www.ykhc.org/40-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec15/>
 - Dec. 16: <https://www.ykhc.org/40-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec16/>
 - Dec. 17: <https://www.ykhc.org/31-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec17/>
- YKHC issued a joint statement during the week, regarding evidence of community-based transmission of COVID-19 occurring in Kotlik.
 - More on community spread in Kotlik here: <https://www.ykhc.org/evidence-of-covid19-community-spread-in-kotlik-dec11/>
 - To date, other communities with evidence of community-based transmission of COVID-19 include: Akiak, Bethel, Chevok, Emmonak, Kongiganak, Kwethluk, Napaskiak, Quinhagak, Scammon Bay, Toksook Bay and Tuluksak.
- 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 December 16, YKHC issued a statement regarding the documentation of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.
 - Read the statement here: <https://www.ykhc.org/statement-on-documenting-covid19-vaccine-rollout/>
- On December 17, YKHC began the process of distributing the COVID-19 Vaccine
 - Read about it here: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid19-vaccine-distribution-begins-in-the-ykdelta-dec17/>



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- Did you miss the December 17 Local Government call? Listen to the recording online [here](#).

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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