

# 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

Testing numbers for the week of January 1 are unavailable due to staff capacity during the holiday week. Therefore, testing numbers will be provided in next week's report.

- 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 30, YKHC confirmed a total of 3,551 positive COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
  - 35 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 3,511.
- 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 3,551 confirmed positives cases in the YK Delta, 3,356 cases are considered recovered, 179 remain active and 16 are deceased.

### Situation Report

- During the weeks of December 18-30, YKHC reported:
  - 298 new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta
  - 5 in-region hospitalization
  - No deaths

- Read the daily case statements on our website:
  - Dec. 18: <https://www.ykhc.org/27-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec18/>
  - Dec. 19: <https://www.ykhc.org/forty-one-new-covid19-cases-in-the-ykdelta-on-dec19/>
  - Dec. 20: <https://www.ykhc.org/twenty-new-covid19-cases-in-the-ykdelta-dec20/>
  - Dec. 21: <https://www.ykhc.org/12-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec21/>
  - Dec. 22: <https://www.ykhc.org/36-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec22/>
  - Dec. 23: <https://www.ykhc.org/22-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec23/>
  - Dec. 24-26: <https://www.ykhc.org/new-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-dec24-26/>
  - Dec. 27: <https://www.ykhc.org/six-new-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-dec27/>
  - Dec. 28: <https://www.ykhc.org/2-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec28/>
  - Dec. 29: <https://www.ykhc.org/26-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec29/>
  - Dec. 30: <https://www.ykhc.org/43-new-covid19-cases-yk-delta-dec30/>
- To date, communities with evidence of community-based transmission of COVID-19 who have issued joint statements with YKHC include: Akiak, Bethel, Chevak, Emmonak, Kongiganak, Kotlik, Kwethluk, Napaskiak, Quinhagak, Scammon Bay, Toksook Bay and Tuluksak.
- On December 18, YKHC issued a statement recommending the extension of the regionwide lockdown for an additional 30 days.
  - Read the statement here: <https://www.ykhc.org/ykhc-recommends-extending-month-long-regionwide-lockdown-dec18/>
- On December 22, YKHC announced plans to expand Phase IA



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COVID-19 vaccinations to include elders age 65 and over and Phase 1B-eligible individuals.

- More here: <https://www.ykhc.org/ykhc-expands-covid19-vaccinations-this-week-dec22/>
- On December 31, YKHC provided an update on COVID-19 vaccination in the YK Delta.
  - Read about it here: <https://www.ykhc.org/update-on-covid19-vaccination-in-the-ykdelta-dec31/>
- YKHC asks all Bethel and village-based individuals who may qualify for COVID-19 vaccination during Phase 1B to fill out the following online form if they would like to be vaccinated.
  - Online form: <https://tinyurl.com/y7reeyst>
  - *Please note: YKHC will contact individuals directly to schedule vaccination. Please do not arrive without a scheduled appointment. Completion of this form does not automatically schedule a vaccination appointment.*

## 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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