

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 1 p.m January 29, YKHC has performed 64,315 tests — 59,101 are negative and about 725 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 help.

Positive Case Count

- As of January 28, YKHC confirmed a total of 4,532 positive COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - 45 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.
 - 47 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 4,434.
- 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/>

Vaccination Update

- As of January 28, YKHC has vaccinated 6,126 unique individuals throughout the YK Delta.
 - For more information regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, visit our website: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid-19/vaccine/>

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 4,532 confirmed positives cases in the YK Delta, 4,209 cases are considered recovered, 301 remain active and 22 are deceased.

Situation Report

- During the week of January 22- January 28, YKHC reported:
 - 243 new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta
 - 4 in-region hospitalizations
 - 2 deaths
- Read the daily case statements on our website:
 - Jan. 22: <https://www.ykhc.org/sixty-six-covid19-cases-in-ykdelta-on-jan22/>
 - Jan. 23-25: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid19-cases-ykdelta-jan-23-25/>
 - Jan. 26: <https://www.ykhc.org/44-covid19-ykdelta-jan-26/>
 - Jan. 27: <https://www.ykhc.org/36-covid19-ykdelta-jan-27/>
 - Jan. 28: <https://www.ykhc.org/39-covid19-ykdelta-jan28/>
- To date, communities with evidence of community-based transmission of COVID-19 include: Akiak, Bethel, Chevak, Emmonak, Kongiganak, Kotlik, Kwethluk, Napaskiak, Quinhagak, Scammon Bay, Toksook Bay and Tuluksak.
- To preserve staff capacity and resources for on-going pandemic response, effective this week, YKHC will no longer publish COVID-19 case statements on weekends or holidays. YKHC will publish case statements for weekends and holidays on the next business day. YKHC providers will continue to call and notify individuals of positive test results on weekends and holidays. More here: <https://www.ykhc.org/ykhc-revises-covid19-holiday-weekend-reporting-jan15/>
- Effective Tuesday, January 19, YKHC is again expanding who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccination in the YK Delta. In Bethel and villages, all individuals age 16 and older will now be eligible for vaccination.
 - To request a vaccination appointment, regardless of whether you live in Bethel or a village, please submit a vaccine application at: <https://tinyurl.com/y7reeyst>.
- YKHC strongly recommends all communities in the YK Delta region immediately extend shelter-in-place, or lockdown, mandates through February 28, 2021.
 - “Although we saw early indications COVID-19 cases



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were stabilizing after the initial regionwide lockdown recommendation, YKHC is seeing an exponential growth in new cases occurring – with a 33 percent increase in new cases just this past week,” said Chief of Staff Dr. Ellen Hodges on January 15.

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/

- More on expanded vaccine eligibility and the extended lockdown recommendation at: <https://www.ykhc.org/ykhc-expands-eligibility-for-covid19-vaccinations-recommends-extended-regionwide-lockdown-jan15/>

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