

# 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 11 a.m. February 12, YKHC has performed 66,245 tests — 60,934 are negative and about 490 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. The testing site will be closed for President's Day on Monday, Feb. 15. Starting Tuesday, Feb. 16, the testing hours will be every Monday-Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. Testing is also available by appointment in Bethel by calling 543-6949, or in villages by calling the local clinic.

### Positive Case Count

- As of February 12, YKHC confirmed a total of 4,821 positive COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
  - 46 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.
  - 50 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 4,725.
- 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 February 12, YKHC has vaccinated 8,001 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 4,821 confirmed positives cases in the YK Delta, 4,714 cases are considered recovered, 85 remain active and 22 are deceased.

### Situation Report

- During the week of February 5- 11, YKHC reported:
  - 116 new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta
  - 1 in-region hospitalizations
- Read the daily case statements on our website:
  - Feb. 5: <https://www.ykhc.org/28-covid19-ykdelta-feb-5/>
  - Feb. 6- 8: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid19-ykdelta-feb-6-8/>
  - Feb. 9: <https://www.ykhc.org/20-cases-covid19-ykdelta-feb-9/>
  - Feb. 10: <https://www.ykhc.org/21-covid19-ykdelta-feb-10/>
  - Feb. 11: <https://www.ykhc.org/10-covid19-ykdelta-feb-11/>
- For tests completed and returned between February 5, and February 12 there was a test positivity rate of 7% in the YK Delta.
- 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, YKHC no longer publishes 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 since Tuesday, January 19, YKHC expanded 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.
  - More on expanded vaccine eligibility and the extended lockdown



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recommendation at: <https://www.ykhc.org/ykhc-expands-eligibility-for-covid19-vaccinations-recommends-extended-regionwide-lockdown-jan15/>

- YKHC recently changed its quarantine guidance for vaccinated individuals exposed to someone with a suspected or confirmed case of

## 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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- Read the new guidance in full here: <https://www.ykhc.org/new-quarantine-guidance-vaccinated-persons/>

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