

# 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 2 p.m. February 25, YKHC has performed 70,648 tests — 65,258 are negative and about 523 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. Testing hours are now 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 25, YKHC confirmed a total of 4,898 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 4,802.
- 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 26, YKHC has vaccinated 9,323 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 4,898 confirmed positives cases in the YK Delta, 4,816 cases are considered recovered, 59 remain active and 23 are deceased.

### Situation Report

- During the week of February 19- 25, YKHC reported:
  - 43 new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta
  - 1 hospitalization
  - 1 medvac out-of-region
- Read the daily case statements on our website:
  - Feb. 19: <https://www.ykhc.org/13-covid19-ykdelta-feb-19/>
  - Feb. 20- 22: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid19-ykdelta-feb-20-22/>
  - Feb. 23: <https://www.ykhc.org/8-covid19-ykdelta-feb-23/>
  - Feb. 24: <https://www.ykhc.org/4-covid-19-ykdelta-feb-24/>
  - Feb. 25: <https://www.ykhc.org/9-covid19-ykdelta-feb-25/>
- For tests completed and returned between February 19 and February 25 there was a test positivity rate of 3% 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/>
- YKHC continues to encourage everyone eligible in the YK Delta to get vaccinated. All individuals 16 and older are eligible to receive their COVID-19 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>.
  - If you know someone who does not have access to the internet they may call 1-800-478-6599 for assistance in submitting a vaccine application.



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

## 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/)

## [regionwide-lockdown-jan15/](#)

- On February 25, YKHC released framework to help identify when it would be safe to begin lifting lockdown in a Community Lockdown Advisory.
  - Read the advisory in-full here: <https://www.ykhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/022521-lockdown-guidance.pdf>

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