



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. March 5, YKHC has performed 71,784 tests — 66,368 are negative and about 325 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 March 4, YKHC confirmed a total of 4,939 positive COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
 - 48 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.
 - 52 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 4,839.
- 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 March 5, YKHC has vaccinated 9,687 unique individuals throughout the YK Delta.
- For communities who have agreed to publish vaccination data, here are the percentages of eligible individuals who have received their vaccine:

Akiak: 20.8%	Kongiganak: 34.3%
Aniak: 65.2%	Kotlik: 31.9%
Chevak: 34.1%	Kwethluk: 51.2%
Chuathbaluk: 74.6%	Kwigillingok: 35.5%
Crooked Creek: 39.7%	Lower Kalskag: 53.1%
Eek: 46%	Marshall: 55.2%
Emmonak: 47.9%	Mekoryuk: 94.9%
Holy Cross: 59.1%	Mountain Village: 45.5%
Hooper Bay: 44.1%	Napakiak: 60%
Kalskag: 55.8%	Napaskiak: 46.7%
Kasigluk: 48.6%	Newtok: 18.2%
Kipnuk: 30.3%	Nunapitchuk: 37.5%

Pitka's Point: 60.5%	St. Mary's: 78.8%
Quinhagak: 41.3%	Tuntutuliak: 40.9%
Scammon Bay: 44.7%	

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 4,939 confirmed positive cases in the YK Delta, 4,817 cases are considered recovered, 97 remain active and 25 are deceased.

Situation Report

- During the week of February 26- March 4, YKHC reported:
 - 39 new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta
 - 2 deaths
- Read the daily case statements on our website:
 - Feb. 26: <https://www.ykhc.org/four-new-covid-19-cases-in-the-yk-delta-on-february-26/>
 - Feb. 27 - March 1: <https://www.ykhc.org/covid19-ykdelta-feb-27-mar-1/>
 - Mar. 2: <https://www.ykhc.org/8-covid19-ykdelta-mar-2/>
 - Mar. 3: <https://www.ykhc.org/6-covid19-ykdelta-mar-3/>
 - Mar. 4: <https://www.ykhc.org/7-covid19-ykdelta-mar-4/>
- For tests completed and returned between February 26 and March 4 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



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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>.

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/

- 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.
- 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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