



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. May 21, YKHC has performed 87,286 tests — 82,271 are negative and about 106 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 at the Community Health Services Building on Fridays only from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and at all Alaska Airlines arriving flights (noon and 7 p.m.) at the Alaska Airlines terminal. “Close contacts” and persons showing symptoms of COVID-19 may be tested by appointment by calling the COVID-19 hotline at 543-6949, or visit one of the testing facilities at CHSB or the airport. Binax testing is available daily at the hospital for patients with appointments. In the village, please call your local clinic.

Positive Case Count

- As of May 20, YKHC confirmed a total of 5,303 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.
 - 55 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 5,253.
- 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/covid-news/>

Vaccination & Transmission Level Status Update by Sub-Region

- As of May 21, YKHC has vaccinated 13,360 unique individuals throughout the YK Delta.
- For information on how Transmission Level Status affects community gatherings and activities download the Community Lockdown Advisory Update here: <https://www.ykhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/042721-lockdown-guidance.pdf>
- For communities that have agreed to publish vaccination data, these are the percentage of vaccinated individuals of the total population who have received their vaccine. Villages showing no percentage have not given permission to report that information, but are included as being within their sub-region. Please note: This week we have

changed from posting eligible individuals in each community, to the percentage of all individuals in the community.

Bethel Sub-Region:
Percentage Vaccinated 70%
Status YELLOW/Moderate Transmission

- Positivity Rate 1%**
Akiachak 43.9%
Akiak: 31.3%
Atmautluak
Bethel 55%
Eek: 45.7%
Kasigluk 48.6%
Kipnuk: 38.2%
Kongiganak: 38.2%
Kwethluk: 47%
Kwigillingok: 38.6%
Napakiak: 49.9%
Napaskiak: 44.6%
Nunapitchuk: 47.7%
Oscarville
Quinhagak: 41.1%
Tuluksak
Tuntutuliak: 44.4%
Tununak

Aniak Sub-Region:
Percentage Vaccinated 68.8%
Status BLUE/Low Positivity Rate 0%

- Aniak: 56.4%
Anvik: 60.3%
Chuathbaluk: 45.1%
Crooked Creek: 36.3%
Grayling
Holy Cross: 48.7%
Lime Village
Lower Kalskag: 52.9%
Napaimute
Red Devil
Russian Mission

- Shageluk
Sleetmute
Stony River
Upper Kalskag: 48.6%

Emmonak Sub-Region:
Percentage Vaccinated 68.9%
Status BLUE/Low Positivity Rate 0%

- Alakanuk 41.8%
Emmonak: 43.3%
Kotlik: 41.9%
Nunam Iqua 60.2%

Hooper Bay Sub-Region:
Percentage Vaccinated 64.3%
Status RED/High Positivity Rate 13%

- Chevak: 38.1%
Hooper Bay 42.2%
Scammon Bay: 35.6%

St Mary’s Sub-Region:
Percentage Vaccinated 68.8%
Status Blue/Low Positivity Rate 0%

- Marshall: 51.7%
Mtn. Village: 48%
Pilot Station 29%
Pitka’s Point 42%
St. Mary’s: 60.9%

Toksook Bay Sub-Region:
Percentage Vaccinated 66.4%
Status BLUE/Low Positivity Rate 0%

- Chefornak 34%
Mekoryuk: 72.9%
Mertarvik
Newtok: 32.5%
Nightmute: 34.9%
Toksook Bay 53.75%

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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 5,286 confirmed positive cases in the YK Delta, 5,236 cases are considered recovered, 25 remain active and 25 are deceased.

Situation Report

- During the week of May 14 - May 20, YKHC reported:
 - 17 new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta
- Read the daily case statements on our website:
 - May 14: <https://www.ykhc.org/2-covid19-ykdelta-may-14/>
 - May 15-16: No new cases
 - May 17: <https://www.ykhc.org/4-covid19-ykdelta-may-17/>
 - May 18: <https://www.ykhc.org/5-covid19-ykdelta-may-18/>
 - May 19: <https://www.ykhc.org/6-covid-19-yk-delta-may-19/>
 - May 20: No new cases
- For tests completed and returned between May 14 and May 21, there was a test positivity rate of 2% in the YK Delta.
- YKHC does not publish COVID-19 case statements on weekends or holidays. YKHC will publish case statements for weekends and

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/

holidays on the next business day. YKHC providers 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 12 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/y7reest>.
 - 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.
- A friendly reminder that YKHC will not be hosting its local government calls each week, but now on a tri-weekly basis. Therefore, YKHC's next local government call will be Thursday, June 3.
 - If your community would like an individual meeting before the next local government call, please contact YKHC's Public Relations to have one scheduled.
- On May 17, YKHC published a new community advisory
 - Read the full document here: <https://www.ykhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/051721-community-guidance.pdf>
- On May 18, YKHC updated its COVID-19 guidance for communities and individuals
 - Read more here: <https://www.ykhc.org/ykhc-updates-covid-19-guidance-for-communities-and-individuals/>

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