



# 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 4 p.m. August 6 YKHC has performed 92,304 tests —86,549 are negative and about 45 are pending. Three specimens were rejected by a private lab.

- COVID-19 testing is available in Bethel on the first floor of the hospital between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Patients should enter through the main hospital doors (not the emergency room entrance) and indicate they are interested in a COVID test. “Close contacts” and people showing symptoms of COVID-19 can schedule testing by calling 543-6949. In villages, please call your local clinic.

### Positive Case Count

- As of August 5, YKHC confirmed a total of 5,703 positive COVID-19 cases in the YK Delta.
  - 61 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.
  - 56 of these total cases are non-residents, so per State reporting protocols, the official State YK Delta case count will remain at 5,653.
- 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 August 6, YKHC has vaccinated 15,331 unique individuals throughout the YK Delta.
- YKHC is reviewing the revised guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in light of the evidence of community transmission of COVID-19 in Bethel and the emergence of the highly-transmittable delta variant, and anticipates publishing updated community guidance early next week, incorporating the universal masking guidelines announced Friday, July 30 on our website [here](#).
- 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.

#### Bethel Sub-Region

**Total Population: 53.4%**

*Eligible Population: 68.9%*

*Status RED/High*

*Positivity Rate 8%*

Akiachak: 46.7%

Akiak: 33.5%

Atmautluak 45.2%

Bethel: 59.9%

Eek: 55.7%

Kasigluk: 58.8%

Kipnuk: 40.9%

Kongiganak: 42.9%

Kwethluk: 48.7%

Kwigillingok: 47.5%

Napakiak: 58%

Napaskiak: 46.6%

Nunapitchuk: 55.3%

Oscarville

Quinhagak: 47.7%

Tuluksak

Tuntutuliak: 53.2%

Tununak 56.3%

#### Aniak Sub-Region

**Total Population: 57.1%**

*Eligible Population: 73.6%*

*Status YELLOW/Moderate*

*Positivity Rate 3%*

Aniak: 63.1%

Anvik: 70.5%

Chuathbaluk: 56.9%

Crooked Creek: 39.2%

Grayling

Holy Cross: 59.5%

Lime Village

Lower Kalskag: 62.5%

Napaimute

Red Devil

Russian Mission

Shageluk

Sleetmute

Stony River

Upper Kalskag: 54.8%

#### Emmonak Sub-Region

**Total Population: 52.4%**

*Eligible Population: 71.8%*

*Status RED/High*

*Positivity Rate 22%*

Alakanuk 50.4%

Emmonak: 52.5%

Kotlik: 50.2%

Nunam Iqua: 66.5%

#### Hooper Bay Sub-Region

**Total Population: 51.2%**

*Eligible Population: 70.9%*

*Status RED/High*

*Positivity Rate 9%*

Chevak: 47.6%

Hooper Bay 57.9%

Scammon Bay: 43.1%

#### St Mary’s Sub-Region

**Total Population: 55.1%**

*Eligible Population: 72.3%*

*Status YELLOW/Moderate*

*Positivity Rate 2%*

Marshall: 60.5%

Mtn. Village: 54.4%

Pilot Station: 40%

Pitka’s Point: 46%

St. Mary’s: 66.9%

#### Toksook Bay Sub-Region

**Total Population: 49.9%**

*Eligible Population: 64.1%*

*Status ORANGE/Substantial*

*Positivity Rate 2%*

Chefornak: 37.8%

Mekoryuk: 76.2%

Mertarvik

Newtok: 42.6%

Nightmute: 36.3%

Toksook Bay: 58.3%



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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 5,703 confirmed positive cases in the YK Delta, 5,588 cases are considered recovered, 89 remain active and 26 are deceased.

## Situation Report

- During the week of July 30 - August 5, YKHC reported:
  - 79 new cases of COVID-19 in the YK Delta
  - 1 hospitalization
  - 1 medevac
- Read the daily case statements on our website:
  - July 30: <https://www.ykhc.org/one-hospitalization-and-14-covid19-cases-ykdelta/>
  - July 31-August 2: <https://www.ykhc.org/1-medevac-22-covid-19-cases-yk-delta-jul-31-aug-2/>

## 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/](https://covid19.alaska.gov/)
- CDC COVID-19 page: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)

- August 3: <https://www.ykhc.org/13-covid19-cases-yk-delta-aug-3/>
- August 4: <https://www.ykhc.org/9-covid19-yk-delta-aug-4/>
- August 5: <https://www.ykhc.org/12-covid-19-yk-delta-aug-5/>
- For tests completed and returned between July 30 and August 5, there was a test positivity rate of 8% in the YK Delta.
- 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/8kb9vth>.
  - 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.
- YKHC's next local government call is scheduled Thursday, August 26.
  - If your community would like an individual meeting before the next local government call, please contact YKHC's Public Relations at [publicrelations@ykhc.org](mailto:publicrelations@ykhc.org) to have one scheduled.
  - Did you miss the August 5 Local Government call? Listen to the recording [here](#).

## Contact

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