

# 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 publishes a situational report to provide accurate, timely data that communities and individuals can use to better understand the current COVID-19 conditions in the YK Delta.

During the week of August 20–26:

NEW CASES	174
HOSPITALIZATIONS	2
MEDEVACS	2
DEATHS	0
ACTIVE CASES (on day of report)	235

### COVID-19 Level

HIGH

**At high risk, individuals and communities should choose additional measures** to protect people at high risk for severe illness or death, such as wearing a well-fitting mask outside your household, regardless of vaccination status (including K-12 schools and other indoor community settings). Learn more at the CDC's website [here](#).

### Community Spread

The communities listed below are experiencing widespread community transmission.

- Alakanuk      • Kipnuk      • Mtn. Village
- Cheffornak    • Kongiganak   • Newtok
- Chevak       • Kwethluk     • Quinhagak
- Eek            • Kwigillingok • Nunapitchuk
- Hooper Bay   • Marshall     • St. Mary's
- Kasigluk      • Mekoryuk    • Tuntutuliak

### Cases by Community

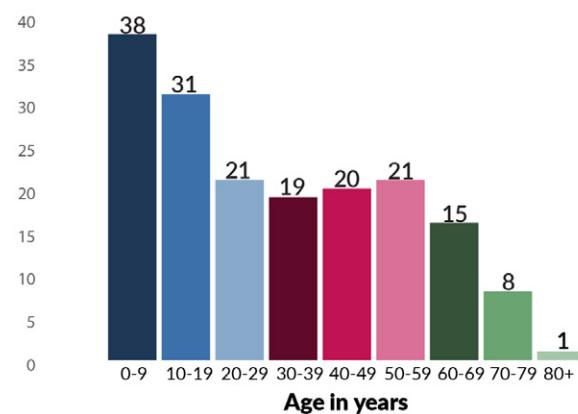
The 174 new cases were identified in the following communities:

- Akiachak, 1      • Kipnuk, 2      • Nunapitchuk, 9
- Alakanuk, 2      • Kongiganak, 5    • Quinhagak, 4
- Aniak, 1           • Kwethluk, 26     • St. Mary's, 4
- Anvik, 2           • Kwigillingok, 3   • Toksook Bay, 3
- Bethel, 27          • Mekoryuk, 12    • Tuntutuliak, 2
- Cheffornak, 18     • Mt. Village, 7    • YKHC service
- Chevak, 2           • Napakiak, 1     area village, 1
- Emmonak, 3          • Napaskiak, 2
- Hooper Bay, 11     • Newtok, 1
- Kasigluk, 24        • Nunam Iqua, 1

### New cases in prior 7 days, by sub-region

Sub-region	New cases
BETHEL	106
ANIAK	4
EMMONAK	6
HOOPER BAY	13
ST. MARY'S	11
TOOKSOOK BAY	34

### New cases in prior 7 days, by age



### Since the start of the pandemic:

TOTAL CASES	DECEASED	HOSPITALIZATIONS In-region at YKDRH	MEDEVACS To out-of-region hospital	INDIVIDUALS COMPLETED INITIAL VACCINE SERIES
<b>18,196</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>18,673</b>

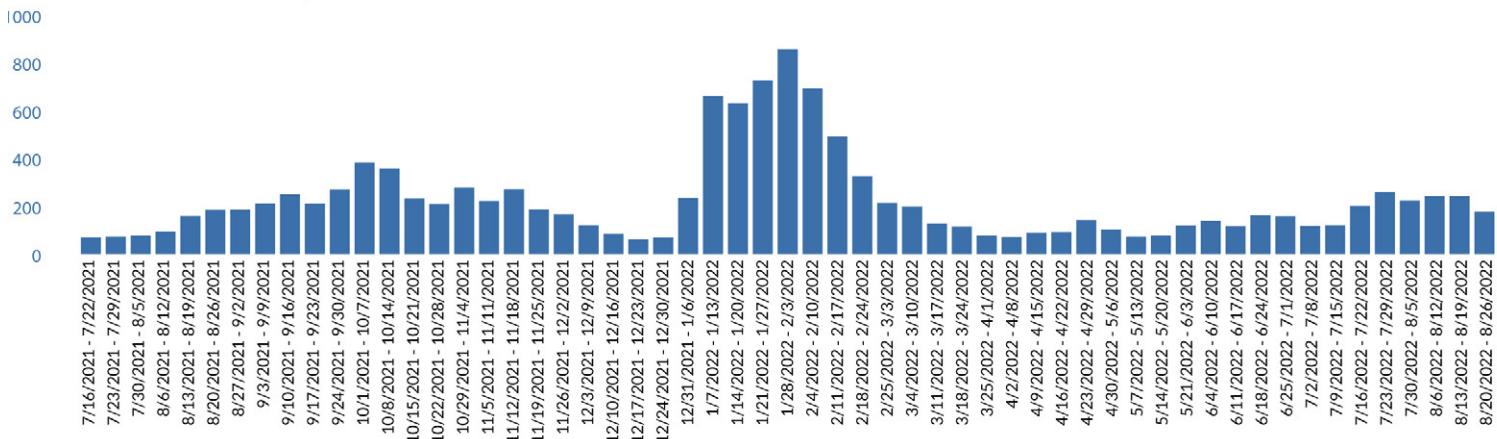
Vaccination rates by region and community available at [www.ykhc.org/covid-19](http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19).

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### New COVID-19 cases by week



### Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccinations offer the most powerful protection against serious illness, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19.

YKHC strongly encourages everyone 6 months and older to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and everyone ages 5 and older to stay up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccinations. To learn more, visit [www.ykhc.org/vaccine](http://www.ykhc.org/vaccine).

To sign up for a vaccine or booster: **In villages**, call 907-543-6420. **In Bethel**, call 907-543-6949.



### Testing

If you tested positive for COVID-19 on an at-home test, please call YKHC Contact Tracing team at 907-543-6420, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to report your positive result.

For COVID-19 testing **in villages**, call your clinic.

**In Bethel**, testing is available without an appointment on the first floor of the hospital. Binax tests are offered 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. PCR tests are available in the same location by request only during the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please enter through the main entrance of the hospital.



### 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)



### Contact

**YKHC Public Relations:** [publicrelations@ykhc.org](mailto:publicrelations@ykhc.org)

**YKHC Incident Command:** 907-543-6275

Currently staffed Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Announcements

- YKHC shares this COVID-19 Situational Report, which reports updates from the previous Saturday through Friday, on Mondays. YKHC tracks and monitors COVID-19 cases in the region, notifying communities and close contacts of infected individuals via phone daily. Should data indicate a significant increase in cases around the region, YKHC's Incident Command Team will re-evaluate whether to return to a daily reporting frequency.
- If your community or school district would like an individual meeting, YKHC medical experts are happy to speak with you at any time. Please contact YKHC at [publicrelations@ykhc.org](mailto:publicrelations@ykhc.org) to arrange a call.